

Salt – Light – Hope

reflections and care for those who serve in pandemic
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Friends, we are gathered up in community, the community of Christ and the love of God, in which others pray for us and we pray for them. In our praying, may we be reminded that we are not alone, that even in this moment we are present with God and God is presence at this same moment with everyone.

Here is a prayer of intercession are taken from the PC(USA) Daily Prayer, which is in our *Book of Common Worship*. Please pray with me:

Gracious God, we know you are close to all in need,
and by our prayers for others we come closer to you.

We are bold to claim for others
your promises of new life in Jesus Christ,
as we claim them for ourselves.

Especially we pray for

- ...friends and family members
- ...neighbors in special need
- ...those from whom we are estranged
- ...victims of violence or warfare
- ...help for those who are abused or neglected
- ...people who live in poverty
- ...those who are hungry and thirsty
- ...those who are outcasts or strangers
- ...those who are lonely and forgotten
- ...those who cannot work this day

...those who are captive or in prison
...those who have no leisure
...those who are isolated by sickness or sorrow
...those who suffer mental anguish
...those who face death
...those who weep with grieving
...the healing of those who are sick
...the renewal of those who despair
...those who keep watch over the sick and dying
...those who work for the benefit of others
...those who share what they have with others
...those who offer welcome and hospitality
...agents of caring and relief
...peace and justice in the world
...the healing of the nations

Great God, you are one God,
and you bring together what is scattered
and mend what is broken.
Unite us with the scattered people of the earth
that we may be one family of your children.
bind up all our wounds,
and heal us in spirit,
for your compassion is unbounded
and your mercy is endless.

O God of love, we pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who reigns with you in the power and unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.