

God of all compassion we cry out to you for our world today. So many people's lives and livelihoods disrupted in ways we can and cannot imagine. The Psalmist reminds us that you are our rock, our fortress, our mainstay in times of trouble. As we pray for our world we invite you to answer our prayers as you said you would.

For all who have the Corona Virus we pray that you will bring your healing presence. We thank you for the skills you have given to those who care for them. At the same time we remember those who are ill with other conditions asking for your continued presence and healing in their lives.

For all whose livelihoods have been shattered we ask that you would come and be a stabilising presence. May each one find the help they need.

For our Governments here in Scotland, the UK and worldwide would you please bring them clarity of mind, your wisdom as they make decisions which affect all of us and a realisation of their need of you. May they prioritise the things which are vital and may there be effective cross party working.

We pray for our children as they have time on their hands. Help them continue their studies in a different way, be with those who are now anxious as they won't be sitting exams and those who find that the structure which school brings helpful and so this lack of structure brings worry and concern.

Thank you for all who are working hard to keep our shops open. Help us be gracious and thankful for all they do.

Come to all who are so anxious about the future – bring them the peace of your love.

We think of the war zones in our world, the refugee crisis, the political instability in parts of the world, the climate crisis and the unjust trade laws. All need our prayers, our action and your help. Stimulate us we pray to act rightly for everyone.

Everything seems changed Lord God. You though are the One who reminds us that you never change.

We hold onto you in this time of turmoil and invite you to show us your Presence day by day as we wrestle with how to be your people sharing your love in our practical living here in the place you have put us.

Each of us has people for whom we have a special concern. Come now as we name them before you.

Please show them your healing, forgiving, comforting Presence today.

Blessing and honour be to the God who is above all things yet present in the world as it changes from day to day; to the God who is shrouded in mystery yet wonderfully brought into view by Jesus; to the God whose Spirit brings light and love to our daily lives. In Jesus name we pray Amen.

Blessing

May God stay beside you: along the deep valleys of the world, through the dark hillsides of the world.

May He walk with you, beside the still waters, lead you, show you and be your companion for you are His precious child today and forever. Amen