

Song: Prayers of the People - The Brilliance

Liturgy: Community Pastor Mike Yager

You hear us calling, you hear us calling, Abba father...

Almighty and ever-loving God, we can hardly begin to fathom the far reaching effects of this crisis upon your people across the globe. As we gather together; a family richly blessed, we ask that you would open our eyes, hearts, and hands to those in need, and those who will be in even greater need in the coming days.

For the countless food-insecure children reliant upon their public schools to provide the main nutrition that they receive. For their parents and care-givers, who are tirelessly scrambling to do the best they can. For all those minimum and hourly wage workers who desperately await the next paycheck to keep their heads above water. For the event planners, staff, small business owners, performers and artists who plan their entire years around the kinds of gatherings now cancelled. For the already vulnerable who will feel the strain even more acutely as many of those privileged are tempted to cling tightly to their own resources. Lord, hear our prayer.

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For the unseen grocery store workers stocking shelves in the dead of night. For healthcare workers around the world called above and beyond their energy and capacity as they face inadequate resources and worsening panic; especially those here in our own medical center and around the country anticipating the arrival of those affected. For the medically fragile who face even greater displacement from connection with the world and with loved ones. For those already suffering from anxiety, loneliness and depression, we pray that social distancing would not be a sentence into worsened rhythms of isolation. Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy...

For decision makers at all-levels of our shared humanity, that they would be led by divine wisdom and compassion, with hearts fixed toward unity, cooperation, and care for all; especially for the least of these whom Jesus held most dearly. For our sisters and brothers in Venezuela, for whom this additional hardship could not have come at a worse time, we ask supernatural protection. That the church would rise into the very best of itself in this time; a tangible movement of the incarnational love of our Savior. Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy...

For the sick and for their families. For all that God will reveal to us in this time of trial, and the ways that our hearts will be drawn closer to Jesus, whatever may come. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.