

## **Benediction for March 15, 2020**

From Isaiah 41:

Don't be afraid. I am here, with you;  
don't be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you, help you.

I am here with My right hand  
to make right and to hold you up.  
It is I, the Eternal One your God,  
who has hold of your right hand,  
Who whispers in your ear,  
"Don't be afraid. I will help you."

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In all of our steps of precaution and preparedness,  
may we fix our eyes on Jesus;  
Who knelt and touched the lepers,  
Who joined us our messy humanity,  
Who calls us, especially in times like these,  
To spread his kind of incarnational love.  
He will show us the way.