

Pastoral Prayer

May 17, 2020

Send us the 'Uhane Hemolele, gracious God. Send us the Ruach Adonai. Send us the Pneuma Hagion. Send us the Holy Spirit.

We are suffering from our isolation, O God. We are suffering from the strain of not sharing breath with one another. We are suffering from the fear of catching a disease. We are suffering from the fear of passing a disease on to others.

We are suffering from stalled purposes, O God. We are suffering from dwindling resources in our homes. We are suffering from too many days seeing the same thing. We are suffering from putting our health at risk for little pay. We are suffering from too much information. We are suffering from too little wisdom.

So we turn to you to send again and again the Holy Spirit to fill our chests, our lungs, our hearts, our minds, and our spirits with the assurance of your presence. We turn to you so that our souls may breathe freely even if our physical breath is labored. We turn to you because we need another friend beside us. We turn to you because you are our God.

Comfort those who grieve, O God, with an embrace of the Holy Spirit. Inspire those who lead, O God, with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Feed those who hunger, O God, by the deeds of people led by the Holy Spirit. Reassure the lonely, O God, that they are never alone accompanied by the Holy Spirit.

For this time and for all time we pray in Jesus' name,

Amen.