

Pastoral Prayer
September 13, 2020

Holy One,

We are frightened. We are angry. We are lonely. We are desperate for a miracle. We long to see the sun.

Bring us, O God, to that place where we can contribute to your work in the world. Bring us to that place where we can help you help us. Bring us to that place where we become a source of your blessing.

We pray for the millions who have contracted this disease around the nation and around the world. We pray for the souls of those who have died. We pray for the mourners who remain behind. We pray for the endurance of the medical professionals and the inspiration of the researchers. We pray for the wisdom of political leaders, especially those who have shown themselves less than wise.

We continue to pray for those at the Yukio Okutsu Veterans Home, and we add Lieutenant Governor Josh Green, his co-workers, and family to our cares. Hold them in your healing, restoring power.

We pray, O God, for truth. In a world that has, to be honest, always had a talent for obscuring or managing or misrepresenting truth, we ask for the ability to discern reality from illusion, realism from exuberant optimism, honesty from lies. You told us that the truth would set us free. As you brought Israel through the sea, bring us through the sea of falsehoods. May we stand free and true.

As we look up to the clouds, the metaphorical ones that lie between us and our hope, give us wings with which to fly above and see once more the bright promise of your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.