

Pastoral Prayers for the 5th Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day, May 10, 2020

Prayers

Almighty creator and sustainer of all, we praise and adore you because you love us as a mother loves her child. You nurture and sustain us as the one who gave birth to us. You love us with an endless love, and you will never abandon us.

On this Mother's Day we give thanks for every person who has cared for us through life. We thank you for every person whose grace and goodness has helped make us who we are. We pray that you will give us your Spirit so that we may also be nurturers to the people around us.

Lord, we continue to pray for healing for every person who is suffering with Covid-19. We are praying for helpful treatment. We are praying for an effective vaccine. We are praying for wisdom, grace and compassion from all our leaders.

We are praying for front-line medical workers and all people whose work supports our medical facilities. We are praying for healing and safety in our senior's homes. We are praying for every essential worker whose health is in jeopardy on a daily basis.

We are praying for every person whose life has been adversely affected by Covid-19, and we pray that we as a community will overcome this obstacle with kindness, compassion and love for our neighbours.

We pray that we will emerge from this pandemic with new love and respect for all the people in our community. In these days of isolation, we have come to see how much we need each other.

We pray for all those who are grieving the death of 6 members of the Canadian Armed Forces in a helicopter crash in Greece. Surround their families and friends with love, and watch over all who protect our security.

Bless the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, and all of its members, adherents and supporters as they seek the best way to serve you in the future. The community of St. Paul's has served you for 186 years and it is their earnest desire to serve you long into the future.

Bless the world with your presence, O God.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus, who died for our sins and was raised again for us. Amen.