

## Pastoral Prayers for Sunday, May 17, 2020

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Almighty creator and sustainer of all, we praise and adore you because you save us when it appears that all hope has been lost. Throughout the testimony of scripture, you came to us when we were in peril and you delivered us into new life.

We give thanks for the way in which you are sustaining us in the present age. Even though we are living in a time when human contact has become a hazard, we know that you will deliver us to a time when we will gather with our loved ones again.

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 for 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 for all the people for whom this pandemic is particularly difficult. We pray for the lonely, the frightened, and all those who have no one to help them through this difficult time. Let them feel your presence and your love. Comfort them, for the sake of Christ.

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 people of St. Paul's are good and faithful and they are seeking new ways to serve you.

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.