

**July 26, 2020**

**Prayer service.**

**Scripture: Luke 11.1-4 Psalm 91**

**Blessed God, we are everything because we are loved by you.**

Be present in this place as we journey with you.

**Hear our song, our prayer, our want for you.**

Enfold us in your love that we be humbled to give, serve and know we are your beloved.

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**Psalm 91** Voices United (p. 807)

You who dwell in the shelter of your, God, who abide in God's shadow for life; say to your God: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under God's wings your refuge, God's faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

For to the angels is given a command to guard you in all your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

"Because they have set their love upon me I will deliver them, I will uphold them because they know my name. When they call to me I will answer, I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and bring them to honour. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my saving power."

## **JULIAN OF NORWICH BODY PRAYER**

**AWAIT (hands at waist, cupped up to receive):** Await God's presence, not as you expect, hope, or imagine, but just as it is in this moment.

**ALLOW (reach up, hands open):** Allow a sense of God's presence (or not) to come and be what it is, without meeting your expectations.

**ACCEPT (hands at heart, cupped towards body):** Accept as a gift whatever comes or does not come. Accept that you are not in charge. Accept the infinity of God's presence, present whether or not you are aware.

**ATTEND (hands outstretched, ready to be responsive):** Attend to what you are called to, actions that God invites you to from this stance of openness.

## **Luke 11.1-4**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Jesus, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples. 'He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'\*

## **A Prayer in the Days of the Coronavirus**

Merciful God/Goddess, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer the effects of the coronavirus—its infection of sickness, fear, and anxiety. God, in your mercy:

### ***Hear our prayer.***

May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. God, in your mercy:

### ***Hear our prayer.***

May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the onslaught of the virus and give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones. God, in your mercy:

### ***Hear our prayer.***

Calm the anxiety and fear of those who fear its advent and protect those who are most vulnerable to its spread—the marginalized, the un- and under-insured, the immune-compromised, the elderly. God, in your mercy:

### ***Hear our prayer.***

For all workers who put themselves at risk to bring us the things we need and the care we require.

### **Great spirit, graciously hear us.**

For those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions:

### **Great spirit, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health:

### **Great spirit, graciously hear us.**

Guide those who strive to develop tests, vaccines, and cure—that their work may limit and conquer the virus and restore communities to wholeness and health. God, in your mercy:

### ***Hear our prayer.***

Holy One known by many names, help us rise above fear:

Assure us of your presence when we are fearful.

Calm anxieties with your Holy Spirit. Bring healing to all in need of it.

We ask all this through the intercession of your child, Jesus, through the Holy Spirit,  
and in the name of all that is holy, just, and compassionate. Amen.

(Adapted from *A Prayer for Persons Suffering from Ebola*, [chausa.org](http://chausa.org).)