

Intercessions | 4.06.2020 | Philip Booth

Let us pray ...

Jesus, at this end of Carers Week, we pray for all those who have care of others, in sickness or disability, in the frailty of old age or the dependency of infancy, in sound mind or in dementia. We give thanks for the unsung heroism of countless carers, whether caring is a matter of family or a professional calling; we regret the low esteem in which carers are all too often held. We know that in this time of crisis the burden of caring has become ever more acute. We pray especially for those for whom this burden is intolerable, and who are themselves bereft of the care and support they need. May your Spirit be with them to guide and comfort.

God of our yearning We seek you

Black lives matter ... the cry that articulates the anger of centuries and the outcry at continued injustices suffered by those whom others define by the colour of their skin. We pray that our eyes may be opened to the existence of prejudice and that the anger may be the occasion of transforming change both in ourselves and in society at large.

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We pray for all those in education, remembering especially those primary school pupils who hoped to return to classes and be with their friends once again. And we remember before you the legitimate fears of teachers and frontline staff in schools and the caution that must inform all moves towards a return to normal interaction. We remember, too, universities and the sadness of students who will not finish their studies with the usual round of celebration. We ask for your blessing on those who teach, recognising the particular difficulties that the current crisis brings in delivering courses and in engaging with students.

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We pray for the people of Hong Kong and for the threat to their values and freedoms that many of them perceive in the latest legislative changes.

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We pray for all those who are suffering from the corona virus, particularly for those whose condition is severe or life-threatening. And we pray for all those who continue to suffer long-term effects even when the viral attack has subsided.

In our own community, we continue to pray for:

David, Mary, Lee, Patty and Stephen

And for all those who are unwell, mourning, or recovering from illness or accident:

Anne, Annegret, Christine, Emma, Harry, Ian & Anne, Jack, Jane, Jean, John, Liz, Lynda, Mark, Maureen, Naomi, Peggy.

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We remember before you all who have died in this community and beyond, and all those who loved and cared for them:

Audrey, Elsie, Jack, Jan, Jill, John, Kathleen, Paul, Sheena, Violet

In remembrance of all those whom we love, but no longer see.

Ever-beckoning God We seek your presence and will serve you. Amen.