

Creative Adventures Through the Bible

Helping one another, Supporting one another, and Caring for one another
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Pastoral Prayer – for Mental Health Sunday

Lord we take time today to answer the call to pray with compassion. We come together across the miles to pray together for healing. There is so much going on in our local communities, in our nation, and around the world. For the last year we have all been spending more time away from each other than we are used to.

Lord, we miss smiling at our friends. We miss seeing smiles.

We miss hugging our friends and family. We miss receiving hugs.

We miss people who have been a part of our lives.

We miss caring for one another and being in community as we used to be.

Lord, it has been a hard year and half.

Lord, there are people who feel as though they are alone.

Lord, there are people who feel as though they are on this journey of a wilderness and feel lost.

Lord, there are people who are struggling to keep food on their tables.

Lord, there are people who are searching for hope and peace.

Send your human angels of mercy to each person and situation – in our local communities, our nation, and the world. Be with those who are hurting, those who are ill, those who are mourning, those who are frustrated, those who are hungry, those who are angry, and those who are homeless.

Loving God, hear our prayers. Place your arms of care and compassion around each person. Send your gifts of comfort to those who are hurting. May those who are dealing with spiritual struggle lean on you even more and their friends for support and love. Strengthen our ministry work as we become more aware of the needs of others. May our love expand and embrace those who feel lonely and hurting.

God, our most loving and caring friend, we seek your strength and guidance as we learn and take time to listen and be present with one another.

Lord's Prayer