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of Churches

Intercessory Prayer in exceptional times

In times of restraint and physical distancing, when the body of Christ cannot meet in one place, we gather through the Holy Spirit in our many different places – house, apartment, room – and call out to you. Hear our cry, O God,

Listen to our prayer.

Give courage and wisdom to national governments and local authorities to enforce public health regulations for the welfare of all and increase efforts to stop the spread of the virus that affects every human being. Hear our cry, O God,

Listen to our prayer.

Breathe a spirit of love and self-discipline into your church that it continually promote and protect regulations and restrictions for the well-being of all. Strengthen our witness to embody examples of compassionate self-restraint. Hear our cry, O God,

Listen to our prayer.

God, have mercy! Heal the sick, strengthen the elderly and vulnerable, protect all from the spread of COVID-19. Hear our cry, O God,

Listen to our prayer.

God, have mercy! Support and protect all health care workers and all who serve the sick and those at high risk of infection. We remember in particular refugees and those serving them today. Reinforce all agencies that support public health. Hear our cry, O God,

Listen to our prayer.

God, have mercy! Comfort and uplift those who are alone, isolated, oppressed by solitude and anxiety. Hear our cry, O God,

Listen to our prayer.

God, have mercy on the whole human family and on your creation, especially hear our specific prayers that are now spoken out loud or in the silence of our hearts (...) Hear our cry, O God,

Listen to our prayer.

Fill each and every heart with that trust in your grace that frees us and binds us together in communion in the one body of your son, Jesus Christ. Hear our cry, O God,

Listen to our prayer.

Send your Holy Spirit. Renew your church in its prayer and in solidarity with all its neighbors. Hear our cry, O God,

Listen to our prayer.

Remember in your mercy all those who have died and will die today. [pause]
Hear our cry, O God,

Listen to our prayer.

Trusting in your great compassion and unconditional promise always to be with us, we pray.

Amen.