

Triune God,

Your steadfast love endures forever. In times of singing and times of mourning, your love endures forever. In moments of peace and moments of anxiety, your love endures forever. In sunshine and in rain, your love endures forever. In all situations, we join our voices with the psalmist: your steadfast love endures forever!

In a time dominated by new anxieties and worries, to whom can we go? To you, again and again, because you are there for us. Because you turn your face toward us. Because you give grace and salvation through Jesus Christ. Because you enable us to live gospel lives by the Holy Spirit. Because you call us worthy, you call us children, you name us yours. And so, we come into your presence.

Compassionate Lord, through your prophets and in Jesus we see that you are a God who heals. And Lord, we are in desperate need of your healing. There are many in our world unraveled by disease – please make them well. We pray you bring healing to anyone struggling with Covid-19; let their lungs gain health and their fevers recede. There are also many who wrestle with disease other than this new virus, and we ask that you heal them, too. Above all Lord, we ache for your presence to comfort and console *all* of us.

God, may we continue to catch glimpses of real hope. Maybe we see a family on a hike together or the sun set in an array of beautiful colors. Maybe we hear a song that brings us to tears. Maybe we open our Bibles and discover a Psalm that moves us deeply. In the small and big details of our lives, please show us hope!

Thank you for new mercies every day. Imbue us with your presence Lord – show us this world and each person in it through your eyes. We don't ask this so that we ignore the realities of evil and sin, but so that we are activated by your Spirit to live the gospel, day in and day out – even now. Let us be witnesses to the way of Jesus and offer a grace-filled alternative to a weary and exhausted world. We ask this in spite of our own weariness or exhaustion, because we confess that *you* have the last word. Thank you God, for being the Beginning and the End. And thank you for Jesus, who saves us, prays for us, and prays with us.

In Jesus' name. Amen.