



A TIME FOR PRAYER

CEDARCREEKCHURCH

Heavenly Father,
in this crisis,
we turn to **you** for help and hope.
Remind us that **your presence** can bring **peace** even in the fiercest of storms.
Grow our capacity to serve others the way that **you** served people,
no matter their backgrounds, beliefs, or burdens.
Give us the courage to **love** our neighbors and strangers the way that
you have loved us, laying down **your life** for the good of others.

Though we are physically separated from each other, we are **united** in prayer
as **one** body, **one** church, **one** movement of people,
joining together to lift the **needs of our world to you**.

First, we pray for our healthcare workers, first responders,
and all essential workers helping to meet daily needs.
Shield those on the front lines.
May they feel your **strength** and **presence** as they go about their work.
Give **wisdom** and **discernment** to those leading us in government and in business.
May they hear **your guidance** in their decisions.

We pray that you would **protect** those who are **struggling** in the midst of this –
For those who have lost a loved one or a friend
For those who are ill,
whose jobs have been impacted,
and who are facing other challenges.
May they feel your **love** and **comfort**.

We all know people affected by this, and we lift their names up to you.
(Include two or three names.)
Help them to see **your light** in their lives,
and help us to **reflect** your light to them.

Guide us in our **words** and **actions**,
to bring glory to **your name**.

Above all, as we reflect on your resurrection, please **grow our faith in you**,
that we may live from the truth that you have **defeated** the power
of **sickness** and **death**, of **sin**, **fear**, and **evil** –
that **no other name** has more **authority** in heaven and earth than **yours**.

With you, we have faith
that the best is yet to come.

Unite us in **love** as we **rise together**.
In Jesus' name, amen.