



Opening Prayer: In our own lives, we are seeking light. In our families, we are seeking light.

In our community, we are seeking light. In our nation, we are seeking light.

In our world, we are seeking light. In this season of fear and uncertainty, we are seeking light.

Seek and you shall find. Knock and the door will be opened. Ask and it will be given to you.

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. May we have eyes to see you and ears to hear you. Come into our world today. Amen.

Prayer of Confession: Gracious God, we have a confession to make: this is hard. Social distancing is hard. Keeping away from friends and family, and staying away from work and our weekly norms, is hard. Not being able to visit our loved ones in the retirement community makes us sad. Listening to the news makes us anxious. We confess that all of this fear and uncertainty is hard to deal with.

But You, O God, are the source of life and love. You are the One who calls each of us to embrace life and love with all of our being—to love and serve our neighbors, to care for the sick and the outcast, for the scared and the suffering, for the lonely and the lost.

Have mercy on us. Help us to see new and creative ways to be together, even as we must keep our distance from one another. Help us keep our hearts and spirits connected, even as we keep our bodies apart. Help us to not lose hope. Help us to share your love. Keep us from unproductive worry. And wrap us in the peace that passes all understanding. Amen.

Words of Grace: Hear and believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Benediction: May joy and nothing less find you on the way. May you be blessed, and may you be a blessing. And may light—Love's own crucified risen light—guide you and me and countless others out of every darkness, all the way home. Amen.