**Dear Lord,**

**thank you for the world you have made:**

**for our food and water,**

**and for all living things.**

**Thank you for the people around us:**

**for our friends and family**

**and for the family of your Church.**

**Help us to care for other people**

**to know each other's needs**

**and to learn more about you.**

**In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Heavenly Father,**

**Jesus taught us to love one another**

**and to love you best of all.**

**We are sorry for the things**

**we have said and done to hurt you;**

**for the ways we have hurt our families and friends,**

**and not cared for the world you have given us.**

**Forgive us our sins,**

**and let your Holy Spirit live in our hearts,**

**so we may live as the family of God;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Reading: Philippians 4:4-9** reflecting on God’s peace in troubles times.

**Prayers**

We pray especially this morning, in these strange circumstances for:

• All who are suffering from coronavirus – especially those in hospital who are severely or critically ill.

• All who work in health and care services who are doing all of their normal work in a new context, and facing a much greater challenges and risks as result of the infection.

• All who work in key roles to maintain the essentials of life – those in our shops and supply chain, the postal and delivery workers, staff working in schools, and all who ensure that utilities continue to function.

• All who make key decisions in national and local government, and other the leaders of other nations as they work out how best to respond.

• All who live in locations with scarce resources and in challenging environments. We think especially today of Yemen, where conflict continues.

• All who work in research, seeking treatments and vaccines

• All who grieve, and for all those who offer assistance support and care to those who mourn.

**The Lord’s Prayer**