

## **Home worship for those self-isolating.**

Jesus said I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit. This is my command: love one another as I have loved you.

We abide in the vine, when we are all linked together in the one life which flows through us.

The life-giving flow in the vine which is Christ is love for one another.

**(Silence)**

Even though we are separated by invisible boundaries, from each one of us a network of a loving relationship spreads out.

**(Silence)**

Some perhaps are broken and bruised by all that life has thrown at them, some are driven apart by circumstances, we all need Christ's reconciling love.

**(Silence)**

Truly Lord you are our God, you stand amongst us we are your family.

**(Silence)**

May we know, completely know, the fellowship of love in Christ Jesus which breaks down the barriers, unites the nations and spans the continents.

**(Silence)**

In the depth of that love, we pray for those in need.

**(Silence)**

## **Prayer for others**

Into your love o' God our father I lift up the names of those in need of your healing, Lord abide in them.

***Name those you are concerned about and praying for/ or lay before God a list of names of those whom you wish to pray for.***

O God there are so many people that my mind is a raging torrent of confusion, I like many others think I know all there is to know but still that is not enough, I fear the unknown and as I see panic taking control of everyone's day to day living therefore I am even more perplexed and confused.

Many are crying to you O Lord because they do not understand what is happening, like me they fear the isolation that may be forced upon them by the Corona virus, open their minds and their eyes Lord to see that nothing can separate us from You.

Whatever happens Lord I am in your hands and no matter the outcome You will always be with me. No matter how hard the battle becomes you will always help me to fear not. Lord help me to accept that I am loved. Help me not only to feel but also to understand the words of the psalmist when he says, **"When I lie down, I go to sleep in peace; you alone, O LORD, keep me perfectly safe."** Help me to understand no matter how dark it gets; you will always be by my side.

Heavenly father, when I am inclined to worry or panic, speak to me with authority. Speak directly through Jesus so that my fears may be confronted, and my faith reinstated. Through him and in him let me spend my days and nights with the courage and peace of someone who knows they are loved, sheltered, sustained by your healing grace; in you may my trust rests, to you be all glory, honour and praise.

Amen

**Bible Reading.** Philippians 4:4-9

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Amen