

Prayers of the People for May 10, 2020
5th Sunday of Easter; Mothers' Day

I will end each prayer with, "God of steadfast love." Please join me in adding "hear our prayer."

God of steadfast love... hear our prayer.

Loving God, on this Mothers' Day, we thank you for our mothers and for all who have cared for us. We ask you to bless all new mothers. We ask you to help and bless all who are raising children at this difficult time. Give them patience and love. Help them to teach their children that the most important things in life are not things. May children and parents everywhere have food, water, clothing and shelter. Help us to help families where we can. **God of steadfast love... hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we pray for your church throughout the world as all of us learn to live and worship in a new way. Give wisdom to our leaders. **God of steadfast love... hear our prayer.**

God, our times are in your hands. As we prepare to enter Phase 2 of B.C.'s response to COVID-19, please help us to make wise decisions about how we live each day in order to keep ourselves, our families and our communities safe. May we be patient, gentle and generous with each other, recognizing that none of us has full knowledge of the situations of others.

God of steadfast love... hear our prayer.

God, we ask that you will be the rock and fortress for all frontline workers. Please keep them safe and healthy. May we support them in whatever ways we can. **God of steadfast love... hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we bring before you all who have lost jobs, all who face financial hardship, all who are underpaid and overworked, all who work in unsafe conditions and all who are not entitled to sick leave or other benefits. May there be safety for refugees and asylum seekers. Help us to work for justice for all. **God of steadfast love... hear our prayer.**

God, we thank you that Owen was able to get prompt medical attention and is now recovering. We bring before you, God, all who are weary, confused, or sick, naming those known to us silently or aloud.
PAUSE

Shine your face on them. **God of steadfast love... hear our prayer.**

Loving God, may we find ways to help all who are struggling to look after loved ones and have no respite. **God of steadfast love... hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for those who have died and for all those who mourn. PAUSE. May they experience your peace.

God of steadfast love... hear our prayer.

We thank you, God, that you know all about us. We ask that you give us what we need.

Amen.

Please join me in saying the Lord's Prayer as printed on the screen.

