



A PRAYER FOR THESE TIMES...

FATHER AND CREATOR OF
ALL THAT IS GOOD,

I COME BEFORE YOU,
ASKING FOR YOUR
BLESSING ON ALL THOSE I LOVE,
ON THOSE WHO NEED YOU
MOST DURING THESE DAYS,
AND FOR MYSELF.

IN THE STORY OF MY LIFE,
THESE DAYS WERE NOT
PART OF MY PLAN,
OR ANYBODY ELSE'S.
AND THAT HAS BROUGHT
UNCERTAINTY AND DOUBT,
A DAILY QUESTION OF:
WHAT DO I DO TODAY?

YOU KNOW ME,
BECAUSE YOU GIVE ME LIFE EACH DAY.
YOU KNOW THAT IN YOUR PRESENCE,
I CAN BE MYSELF,
NOT AFRAID TO SAY THAT
I'M STRUGGLING, OR ANXIOUS.

BUT I ASK YOU TO GIVE
ME THE INSIGHT TO SEE
THAT THESE DAYS HAVE
NOT ALL BEEN BAD.
THE WORLD IS NOT A BAD PLACE,
AND I HAVE SEEN THAT
THROUGH THE KINDNESS
AND CARE OF OTHERS.

BE WITH ALL THOSE WHO
ARE CARING FOR THE SICK AND THE DYING.
BE WITH THOSE I KNOW
AND THAT I CANNOT BE WITH AT THE MOMENT.
BLESS THOSE I LIVE WITH.
HELP US TO GET ON!

YOU ARE A GOD OF SURPRISES.
I DID NOT CHOOSE THESE
DAYS TO BE LIKE THIS.
I MIGHT OFTEN HAVE WISHED
TO MISS LESSONS AND EXAMS:
BUT NOT LIKE THIS.

GIVE ME HOPE,
GIVE ME PURPOSE EVERY DAY.
GIVE ME THE WORDS TO SAY
THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR GOOD
IN THE LIVES OF THOSE AROUND ME.

THANK YOU FOR THE WONDER OF MY BEING,
FOR THE WONDERS OF ALL YOUR CREATION.
PERHAPS IT IS NO COINCIDENCE
THAT DURING THESE DAYS OF STRUGGLE,
THE DAYS OUTSIDE HAVE BEEN THE MOST BEAUTIFUL,
YOUR CREATION AT ITS BEST, TO LIFT MY SPIRITS.

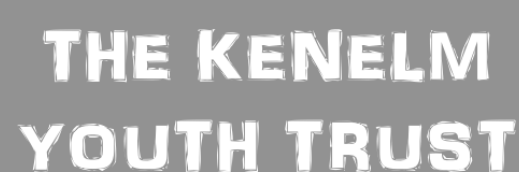
IN EVERYTHING I AM GOING THROUGH JUST NOW,
JESUS IS CLOSE TO ME,
AS HE PROMISED HE WOULD BE.
HE LIVED THROUGH
DESPAIR AND GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT,
AND HE PROMISED THOSE
WHO SHARE HIS LIFE
THE JOY OF KNOWING HIS
ETERNAL KINGDOM IN HEAVEN.

GIVE PEACE AND REST TO
THE MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED OF THIS VIRUS,
OR THOSE WHOSE LIVES
ARE ENDING NATURALLY, BUT AT THIS TIME.

GIVE ME THE STRENGTH
TO LIVE THROUGH THESE DAYS,
WITH THE KNOWLEDGE
THAT ANY GENEROSITY I CAN SHOW TO OTHERS,
ANY GESTURES OF GOODNESS,
ANY WORDS THAT WILL
MAKE PEOPLE GRATEFUL,
WILL BE GIVEN TO ME
WHEN THE MOMENT IS RIGHT.

WHEN I REFLECT ON THESE TIMES,
GIVE ME THE GRACE
TO BE ABLE TO SAY:
THE WORLD STOOD STILL,
BUT MY LIFE DID NOT.

AMEN.



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