"As we continue to join hands from a distance, here are 20 more prayers to pray during this pandemic for our neighbors everywhere."

Jen Pollock Michel
1 For the church, struggling with faith in the midst of global suffering: God, we believe in Your willingness to heal and Your power to do so. Help our unbelief.
   Jen Pollock Michel

2 For those who have turned to faith in Jesus for the very first time during this pandemic: God, help our new brothers and sisters grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior.
   Jen Pollock Michel

3 Guide my thoughts this day, O God, as You hold my heart and life in Your care.
   Cindy Hess Kasper

4 For those who don’t know Jesus yet but find their hearts stirred by spiritual curiosities and eternal longings: God, in your kindness, lead many to repentance and obedient faith in Your Son.
   Jen Pollock Michel

5 For first responders and frontline health care workers, especially in epicenters of infection: God, reinforce their ranks and strengthen them with supernatural energy.
   Jen Pollock Michel

6 **Jeremiah 29:11**
   For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.
For educators, forced to adapt curricula to online learning, and for students, forced to exercise more autonomy: God, make homes a place of curiosity, inquiry, and study. Give special help to children without regular access to the internet and other digital tools.

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For those dying alone in hospitals and for their loved ones: God, draw near to them and, by Your mercy, let them encounter Christ, the friend Who never leaves and never forsakes.

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Upon seeing a sunset...

O God, I thank Thee for such direct manifestation of Thy goodness, majesty, and power!

George Washington Carver

To the Moms Who Are
To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy. To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried. To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fiercely. To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility. To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world. To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it. To those remembering Moms no longer with us. To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for. Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call ‘Motherhood,’ wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

Pastor Hannah Kardon
Elston Avenue United Methodist Church

For companies with the ability (and the mandate) to manufacture much-needed protective equipment for our frontline health care workers: God, establish the work of their hands.

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For transit workers, police officers, and other public servants working tirelessly, often without adequate protection: God, give them stamina every day and keep them from falling ill.

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“Because He Lives”
God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus, He came to love, heal, and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone; because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

Words and Music: Gloria and William J. Gaither

For nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and other long-term care facilities: God, encourage the lonely residents and strengthen the staff members who help them. Prevent further spread of infection, and comfort families who can no longer visit their loved ones.

Jen Pollock Michel

For the incarcerated, who are particularly vulnerable to the spread of this virus: God, give wisdom to prison officials. Protect inmates and staff from both violence and illness. Deliver them all from fear.

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Psalm 121
I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. He Who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.
For those disappointed by the cancellation of milestone celebrations like graduations, weddings, or baby showers: God, comfort them in their disappointments, and make it possible for them to gather again with friends and family.

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For women and children in abusive situations: God, restrain those who commit harm. Provide protection and rescue for victims and comfort them in their vulnerability.

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God of all comfort and strength, soothe us when we are hurt; calm us when we are afraid; hold us when we are alone; support us when we are tired; lead us through the valley of the shadow to the place where we can, at last, come home. Amen.

Nicola Slee (From Psalm 23)

For countries in the developing world: God, contain the spread of infection in our world’s most densely populated and poorest cities. Spare countries already burdened with disease and chronic poor health.

Jen Pollock Michel

For Asian Americans in the United States, Africans in China, and other people all over the world subjected to COVID-related racism: God, confront this evil with Your swift justice, and deliver our brothers and sisters from cruelty.

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“Lord Jesus Christ, Your Light Shines”
Lord Jesus Christ, Your light shines within us. Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me. Lord Jesus Christ, Your light shines within us. Let my heart always welcome Your love.

Words and Music: Jacques Berthier

For everyone anxious about the economic future – how they’ll pay for housing, food, and essential medicines: God, connect them to sources of help through the church, the government, and the community.

Jen Pollock Michel

For small churches without cash reserves: God, keep their doors open, and urge Your people to give generously.

Jen Pollock Michel

Gracious God, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace. In union with people of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and, thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

Author Unknown

For expectant mothers, who face the prospect of labor and delivery without the support team they’d planned for: God, deliver them from fear, and fill them with joy as they witness new life.

Jen Pollock Michel

For parents who cannot stay home from work but must find care for their children: God, present them with creative solutions.

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

For churches, parachurch ministries, and other Christian organizations doing online evangelism and discipleship: God, bless our imperfect digital efforts and continue to advance the kingdom of Jesus through Your people.

Jen Pollock Michel

For those involved with politics at every level: God, help our leaders to work collaboratively and communicate efficiently, setting aside self-interest for the common good.

God, we acknowledge that You spoke the world into being and continue to sustain it with Your Word. We trust in Your wisdom, power, and goodness. Help us at every opportunity to love as You loved and to serve as You serve. Give us courage to speak of our hope in Jesus, Who suffered for us, rose from the dead, and is coming again. Amen.

Jen Pollock Michel

“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Words: Edwin Hatch  Music: Robert Jackson