

## ***During this difficult period ....***

*God loves us and enjoys us, and so he wills that we love him and enjoy him, and firmly trust him, and all shall be well [Ch. 68]*

Thank you, God, that although we are isolated we are never separated from you, that although we may not be able to come together your love lives in our hearts and we share that love through respect for others, that although we may not have all that we have enjoyed in the past we may live more simply and be more aware of the needs of others.

**Amen.**

*Our soul rests in God its true peace, our soul stands in God its true strength, and is deep-rooted in God for endless love [Ch. 56]*

God of compassion, come close to those who are suffering, enfold them in your love and assure them of your comfort; be their light in times of darkness; for the sake of your only Son who suffered alone on the cross but now reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit. One God, for ever and ever,

**Amen.**

*He is our clothing. In his love he wraps and holds us. He enfolds us for love and will never let us go [Ch. 5]*

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for all in need, especially the frightened, the lonely, the grieving. During this period of uncertainty and stress, enable us to comfort the fearful, support the isolated, reassure all who are brought low, knowing that nothing can separate us from your love which knows no bounds, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**Amen.**

*God did not say, 'You shall not be tempest-tossed, you shall not be work-weary, you shall not be discomforted,' but he did say, 'You shall not be overcome' [Ch. 68]*

Gracious God, you give understanding and skill to all who care for the sick, and your wisdom to those now searching for a cure. Strengthen, guide, and refresh them, through your Spirit, that many will be restored to health, in Jesus' name,

**Amen.**

*Our lover desires that our soul should cling to him with all its might, and that we should ever hold fast to his goodness. For this above all pleases God and strengthens the soul [Ch. 6]*

O God, help me to know that you love me and are with me, help me to trust you and feel you near, help me to believe that I am not alone and that nothing can separate me from your love, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord,

**Amen.**