

"Love...bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

1 Corinthians 13.7-8

Loving God,
Strengthen our innermost being
With your love that bears all things
Even in the weight of this global pandemic
Even in the endurance of watching for symptoms
Of patiently waiting for this to pass
Watching while we pray,
Keeping our gaze fixed on you,
And looking out for our neighbours
Near and far.

Instill in our shaken souls
The belief and hope that all things
are possible with your creative love
for strangers to become friends
for science to source solutions
for resources to be generously shared
so everyone, everywhere, may have what they need.
May your perfect love that knows no borders
Cast out any fear and selfishness that divides.

May your love that never ends
Be our comfort, strength and guide
For the wellbeing of all
And to the glory of God.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

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God of heaven and earth,
In these times of isolation,
Apart from friends,
Away from neighbours,
Thank you that there is nothing
In all of creation,
Not even coronavirus,
That is able to separate us from your love.

May your love that never fails
Continue to be shared
Through the kindness of strangers
Looking out for each other,
For neighbours near and far
All recognising our shared vulnerability,
Each of us grateful for every breath,
And willing everyone to know the gift
Of a full and healthy life.
Keep us all in your care.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

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"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come...will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8.38-39