

Time For Prayer

Lord, there are signs of the seasons changing already. Some have seen record highs become record lows overnight. For some this has meant triple digit heat one day and the year's first snow the next! The season change always brings with it, anticipation and regret. Help us see the possibilities and hold onto anticipation and hope!

In our world, there is a prolonged sense of waiting for the other shoe to drop. As the pandemic rages on. We do not all see the situation in the same way, but everyone lives with fear and frustration. Lord, give us courage. Bring us together to find ways to live with the threat of COVID-19, keep people safe, and find a long-term solution to the pandemic.

There is also the challenge and anxiety of choices to be made that will affect everyone. Help us choose wisely with the good of everyone in mind.

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- The continuing suffering from **COVID-19**. The number of new cases continues to grow. The number of children and young people getting sick is growing fast as schools & colleges re-open.
- for **all who suffer**; be it from the ugliness of racism & brutality, or the dehumanizing nature of fear; be it from the consuming & destructive power of hate.
- Remember the **Democratic Republic of Congo**. It is the 4th largest country in Africa. They are easing COVID-19 restrictions, but still struggle with the virus. Remember the 3,000 Brethren in 10 congregations in the country.
- Remember **South Sudan**. They are living with violence, food insecurity, & major flooding.
- Remember **Nigeria** where the violence of Boko Haram is a constant threat & hunger is a continuing issue for many. The Church continues to help support thousands of displaced people. The Church also continues a program of vocational education that equips people with skills they can use to make a living. Recently 123 individuals finished courses in trades including knitting, tailoring, shoemaking, computer business & carpentry. 16 women were in the literacy program. There are many widows & orphans who need help providing for their families.
- Remember those dealing with **weather issues** – hurricanes, flooding, tornados, damage from the Derecho, as well as the earth quake in North Carolina & fires out west.



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