

**Prayers of the People (March 22, 2020)**  
**OUR COMMUNITY**

*(From Psalm 145)* The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works. The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

***As the Holy Spirit leads, praise God for He is faithful, righteous, and kind. We can trust that He hears and answers when we call on Him.***

**We call out to you, Oh God, on behalf of the whole earth. We are asking for Your mercy to cover us all during this difficult season.** 2nd Timothy says we have not been given a spirit of fear but of love and power and a sound mind. Holy Spirit, where there is anxiety, bring your peace. Where there is panic, bring your wisdom, and where there is sickness, bring your healing power. **As the Holy Spirit leads, pray for the Lord to intervene with his mighty power to end the destructive spread of the coronavirus.**

**Lord, use this pandemic to turn the hearts of many toward you!** Boldly walk with us into opportunities to speak of your eternal healing, and give us a powerful word of explanation when we are asked where our hope comes from during this time. Let your church rise up in the midst of this uncertainty and confusion. Bless the efforts of organizations coming together like Corona Help Sioux Falls and others who are serving our community. **As the Holy Spirit leads, pray that we as believers would boldly share the hope of Jesus.**

**Father, we pray that you would strengthen the Life Church body during this time of isolation.** Isaiah 58 says, "The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail." Father, let us grow deeper in You, and give us creative strategies to connect with and encourage one another. **As the Holy Spirit leads, pray for Life Church.**

**Abba Father, we come before you on behalf of our children.** May your still small voice be the loudest one in their ears. Hide them in the shelter of your wings and may they cast all of their anxieties on you. Provide structure and stability where there is so much potential for chaos. Grant their parents wisdom as they help them navigate the uncertainties that lie ahead. Use this time to strengthen our children and grow them closer to you.

***As the Holy Spirit leads, pray for the children of Life Church.***

***Thank you, Father, for hearing our prayers. It's in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***