### A New Birth to a Living Hope

# A Prayer to Remember the Loss of more than 106,000 People in the U.S. Alone and All People in our World

#### Invitation to Prayer:

Provident God of every age and place, during this time when the patterns of everyday life have been superseded by drastic measures and emergency directives, give us the grace to live each day as fully as possible.

During times of crisis, in moments of doubt, during periods of isolation, through seasons of uncertainty ... we place our trust in our loving God.

Let us open our hearts to God's Word. In communion with the saints, in solidarity with the suffering, and united with all people of good will, we pray for all whose lives have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Amen.

Scripture Reading: 2 Cor 1: 3 - 4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

#### Pause for Personal Prayer

Litany: Jesus, the Healer

Closing Prayer: All

Eternal God, we come before you in sorrow and disbelief to pray for the thousands of people, not only in our own country, but throughout our world who have died during this pandemic.

While most of the people are unknown to us, You know the name of every person. Enfold them in your loving embrace and welcome them to the banquet of heaven.

Be with their family members and friends. Comfort and support them through this time of loss and separation. We pray through Christ, our resurrection and life, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



## Litany of the Holy Spirit

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Come, O Holy Spirit,

Come, O Bringer of Blessing

Come, O Font of Knowledge

Come, O Promise of Plenty

Come, O Word of Kindness

Come, O Mother of Mercy

Come, O Light of Wisdom

Come, O Giver of Gladness

Hope of all who hunger Teacher of truth and justice Breath of life eternal

> Fullness of God within us Voice of God with us Dwelling of Christ among us

Song of joy and gladness
Author of Love's great story
Come, O Spirit of Jesus
Kindle your fire within us.

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