**PRAYER IN A TIME OF EPIDEMIC DISEASE**

Lord Jesus Christ, healer and friend,

come and care for all of us

through the danger and uncertainty

of the coronavirus epidemic.

To people who are sick, bring healing.

To people who are displaced, isolated,

or cut off from family, friends or work,

bring comfort and companionship.

Work with medical staff as they care for the sick,

and protect them from harm.

Give skill and fruitful research to scientists

as they search for treatments, prevention and a cure.

To public health authorities, give wisdom

to decide the best ways to manage

both this crisis and our anxieties.

When communities are fearful,

give a calm spirit,

and kindness to neighbours and strangers.

Through this testing time,

and through all the risks we face together,

teach us once again how we can love one another

as you have loved us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.