



## DIAKONIA PRAYER LETTER SEPTEMBER 2020

*We thank you that your church, unsleeping  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day or night.*

This is the second verse of the hymn *The day you gave us, Lord*. In this turbulent time, we can trust that we have a church which is all over the world, someone always awake, someone always active, someone always praying, someone always preaching, someone always diaconal. All this and more to bring hope and comfort to the world, and to its people.

In my part of the world we are turning into autumn, the days are getting shorter, the nights are getting longer and colder, but still we have beautiful and warm days with that clear brisk air that only the autumn brings us. It is just like every autumn, but not! This year has brought us changes to our daily life that most of us never had thought about; it includes fear, illness, death, unemployment. Beside this there are many countries where democracy and security are on stake. I can mention Belarus, Yemen, Lebanon, USA, Poland, Hungary.....

For all this we need to pray

- To get a vaccine for the covid-19 virus
- To help all of us not to spread the virus further
- To secure that we all can live in a peaceful democracy
- To encourage all the churches and all its people to bring comfort and hope

*Triune love, you were with us at the beginning of time  
Stay with us till the end of time  
You were with us when our lives got formed  
Remain with us till the end of life  
You were with us at the rising of the sun  
Be with us when the day is done.*

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