

DIAKONIA Prayer July 2021

For I am certain that not death, or life, or angels, or rulers, or things present, or things to come, or powers, or things on high, or things under the earth, or anything which is made, will be able to come between us and the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8: 38-39

For I'm certain that neither COVID 19 or any other disease or violence or attacks, or loneliness, or hunger, or fears of any kind or social distance or things present, or things to come will be able to come between us and the love of God.

May God grant the certainty of "nothing will be able to come between us and the love of God", for everybody in his/her own way. May he grant deep inner peace and security, in the profound certainty that God has a plan and is always among us.

God gives us this certainty, no matter how we were affected internally or externally in this pandemic. May everyone be strengthened and may we strengthen one another. Let us stand up for one another in prayer, both in our individual communities and through the worldwide network DIAKONIA.

We pray for the preparations of the virtual DIAKONIA World Assembly 2022. We ask you our God and Father for wisdom for all our planning and how we may shape the Assembly together.

We give thanks for this international network of members of diaconal communities in the church and diaconal institutions in the worldwide church. Help us, Father, that we might together set things in motion.

Therefore, walk in the certainty that God is with you! No matter what is to come, God is present

We close with the following prayer:

Constantly the fear

of being lost in the water,

pulls me down.

And yet there are magic moments:

Then I know that He will carry me home through all the waves.

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