



## ***DIAKONIA Prayer August 2020***

Have I not commanded you? Take heart and be strong; have no fear and do not be troubled; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go,  
Joshua 1:9

God you assure us to have no fear and to not be troubled. In the middle of horror, uncertainty and helplessness in times of the corona pandemic, You promise to be with each and every one of us, with our families and our friends. You promise to be with us in our communities around the world.

We pray especially for those who have been severely affected by Covid 19 in different ways –mentally and physically. Let us support each other in prayer. Know that God is greater than all fears and that His presence is very close.

May God show what needs to be done with small and large tasks both in the individual communities and in the DIAKONIA network.

We come to you God – each one of us as a person and together in the worldwide connection through Diakonia World Association. We are connected in prayer and trust that God will always and everywhere protect us.

We pray for the Diakonia World Assembly planning team in Australia, who are hoping that the Assembly can be held in 2022. We ask you, God and Father for wisdom in all our preliminary considerations for how deacons and deaconesses around the world can gather together. .

We thank you for this international network of members of diaconal communities and diaconal institutions in the church. Help us Father to work well together.

We conclude with the following quote:

“The night  
in which fear lives  
also has the stars  
and the moon.” Mascha Kaléko

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