

DIAKONIA May Prayer Letter

When he was at the table with them, he broke bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. (Luke 24: 30,31)

In this time of suffering and heartbreak around the world due to Covid 19, most of us are in lockdown or tight restrictions. Many have died and many are putting their lives at risk in order to serve, through their caring roles. People are looking for hope – more have attended Easter services here on line, than they would have in their usual situations. God is certainly with us as we scramble to adapt and provide meaningful worship in these unusual times.

Gracious God,

We pray that faith and hope will be encouraged as caring Christian communities reach out to show God's love to their neighbours.

We particularly pray for those who are poor and vulnerable,

who do not live in places where they can distance themselves from others,

who have lost their source of income,

who are lonely and afraid.

We think of those in the medical profession who are struggling to cope

And for those whose loved ones have died or are ill.

Be with leaders at every level to help them make wise decisions, for the benefit of all.

May you give us wisdom, resilience and strength to provide comfort and hope to those we meet. In Jesus' name. Amen.

You break in, O God, on the road you break in, O God, exactly the way we don't believe you break in, O God and change everything.

You break in, O God with a call you break in, O God with an invitation you break in, O God with the truth

You break in, O God with a new realm You break in, O God with a new world You break in, O God with your intent for the future

God, break in again and call us to be your workers God, break in again and use the gifts we are to build your realm God, break in again and change our world once more.

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