



Gail Boudin took this photograph of a rainbow after last night's storm!

World in Prayer – July 9, 2020

Creator God, we meet to give you praise and worship. Each one of our homes in Edgecomb can be called Beth-el, the house of God: Hear us as we now try to pray from our place here *in Lincoln County, Maine and in the world for it is all your world.

We praise you for the beauty of the world and we worship you that we are able to see it as it is – your creation.

We pray for all children and teenagers especially in countries where one school year is ending and we have doubts about what the new one will bring; the changes to schools and universities and how these will affect our lives.

We pray for all those we meet as life slowly changes to a new normal, especially those for whom it means vast changes to life and work. We pray for the vast networks of support, from foodbanks to care assistants, that all may discover the help needed.

We pray for all who have found lock-down hard, life difficult, and health problematic; for those who mourn, who despair, and who suffer. For those we know and can name in the silence of our hearts; for those we don't know but know about, and for those worldwide who suffer.

We pray for our environment: despite the lock-down, earthquake and storm, wildfire and drought, flood and destruction, continue to happen. We celebrate the reduction in human-made air pollution: now that we have seen how quickly the earth responds grant us the will to care for the whole ecosystem.

We pray for those who are still growing crops and wondering how harvesting will take place. We pray for those packing our food; for those who transport it, especially the crews of bulk carriers and container ships, of tankers, and also of cruise liners.

We pray, giving thanks for the things we have rediscovered this year:
the beauty of silence and bird song;
the letting go of busy, over-committed lives;
the time to savor in many ways the gifts of word, speech, and friendship;
the time to be in your world as your house.
This is your world, all things are made by you and for your glory.
Hear us, that we might know you are indeed our God.
Amen.

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"We have flown the air like birds and swum the sea like fishes, but have yet to learn the simple act of walking the earth like brothers."

Martin Luther King Jr., 20th century

A Prayer for Resilience

Isaiah 40:29-31

"He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

Lord, you are our keeper and preserver. We have a promise spoken by the words of the prophet Isaiah, that You loving God give power to the faint and strengthen the powerless. We know that our ability to be resilient comes from you. We thank you that you are our help in all circumstances, yes even these times of unprecedented circumstance you are an ever present help. As the world changes around us, help us to embrace the change. As we are stretched to our limits and beyond, be our elasticity to snap back better than before. Grant that we may find calm through your divine peace. Equip leaders, first responders, researchers, and all humanity with the resilience to combat this virus. Give us discernment to recognize trauma in our bodies and the skills to draw on resilience. May our guide be empathy as we journey together as one humanity through these uncertain times toward recovery and your new creation. It is in Jesus the Christ name we pray. Amen

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Peace, Kate ☩