

Message from Pam and Tony

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Subject: Today's Tuesday Prayers

Dear praying friends,

We send you our love and greetings and hope you are all safe and well. We urge you all to obey the new instructions from the government and stay in!

This email will come to you every Tuesday morning. If you are free to stop for a while at midday, as we will try to do, that would give us a deeper sense of praying together! But any time is of course fine as well.

Today there are three attachments: our Lent liturgy which we have been using during Lent this year, the topics we have been praying for...greatly amended in the light of current events and finally a short reflection on one of the Beatitudes which this week has been written for us by Les. We send our grateful thanks! if you can, please print our the first two attachments for the coming weeks so we don't need to attach them every time or else try not to lose this email!

We wondered if you have a globe or an atlas at home, you might like to look at our needy world and pray for all those countries suffering severely with the coronavirus and for all those suffering as a result of conflict: Syria, Yemen and many others. Pray too for our own country at this time. If you wish to let us have the first name of anyone for whom prayer is particularly needed or a situation, very brief, please do so and we will compile a list. On a happy note, please pray for Howard and Rosalie Richardson who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary yesterday!

Finally, we thought we might send you a 'prayer of the week' each Tuesday. Over twenty years ago now we were on holiday in western Scotland, covering a couple of tiny churches for two Sundays one July. We enjoyed it so much we thought we might inquire about the possibility of working in that beautiful area. That dream came true sooner than we had imagined possible. One of the churches, St. Finan's Kinlochmoidart, always remained special to us and so today, on the subject of peace, we share with you their special prayer of blessing:

Deep peace of the valley winds to you,
Deep peace of the snowy mountains to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle flowers to you,
All the stars always bringing light to you,
Deep peace of Christ,
Of Christ, the light of the world, to you,
Deep peace of Christ.

May God bless you all and fill your hearts with his peace.

With our love,

Pam and Tony