

Doubt and disbelief are all around us in our daily lives, and all around God's created world. We bring to mind everyone we know who has known the love of God but no longer trust in God for their help, and all those who refuse to believe the great Easter story of death defeated and Christ alive. As the disciple Thomas doubted, so we seek to trust God more and believe in what seems unbelievable.

God of all our lives, we pray for all those who doubt and have lost their way. Help us to support them and point them to you, and remain strong in our faith.

Through our faith may we and all people be shielded by God's power and love.

Fear and threats of harm, war, conflict and hate are all around us in our lives, and all around God's created world. We bring to mind the world leaders, and leaders of nations, whose threats and retaliation are going too far, and who have grown to ignore the needs and lives of people. As Jesus came to bring peace, so we seek our God for peace to be found, for horror to be stopped, and for hope to grow.

God of all people, we pray for all those who can bring an end to war and conflict, but seem determined to cause harm. Help those around them to offer wise and calming advice, pointing them to peace.

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Exploration, enquiry and risk are all around us in our daily lives, and all around God's created world. We bring to mind the Artemis II mission, and its exploration of God's universe in a way that hasn't been done for many years. We ask that their research and experiments will be to the benefit of all people, and not for the profit of a few.

God of our beings, you gave us all the ability to think, enquire and learn. Help all those who are doing dangerous things in order to understand more. Keep them safe, and guide them to see your hand in all that is and always has been.

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The light of the sun and the warmth of spring is all around us in our daily lives, and the seasons change across God's created world. We bring to mind the hope and clarity that spring brings to us, and to all those who work on the land to produce our food. We ask that, as farmers across the world struggle with changing climates, all people would see what small things we can do to preserve our earth.

God of all creation, we pray for those who work the land to produce food. Help them deal with the challenges of change, and help us do all we can to save the wonderful world you created and said was good.

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Sadness, loss and desperation are all around us in our daily lives, and all around God's created world. We bring to mind those whose lives have been torn apart by war and conflict in Sudan, in Ukraine, and all across the Middle East, and live in the constant fear of destruction all around them. We also remember those closer to home who are gripped by loss and mourning, addiction, illness, or poverty and in those deep and dark times see no light and no hope.

God of all hope, we pray for those who call out in desperation right now. In their impossible situations we ask that, even as we say these prayers, they will feel a deep peace that only you can give, and sense your grace with them.

Through our faith may we and all people be shielded by God's power and love.

Amen