

For our prayers this morning, there is a response: when I say, 'In these days of uncertainty', please will you respond, '**We rest in Your certain love**'.

God of our past, our present and our future, in these days of uncertainty, **we rest in Your certain love.**

As Spring awakens the earth, awake in us the hope of resurrection. May we see your presence in all living things.

In these days, Lord, thank you for sunlight upon our skin and blossom upon the trees, for empty skies and for birdsong.

May we commit to living differently and to walking more gently upon this Earth, our home.

In these days of uncertainty; **we rest in Your certain love.**

In these days, Lord, thank you for new rhythms, for time; for rest, for space, for the simple things.

We thank you for all that is keeping us sane and connected; for all that sustains us in body, mind and spirit.

Thank you for lifelines, like texts and telephone calls, for emails and Skype; for WhatsApp and Zoom.

Thank you for all that lifts our spirits; for laughter; Youtube clips and silly jokes; boxsets, for music and applause in the darkness, for re-configured priorities and rekindled hobbies.

May we learn a new appreciation of the gifts we already have.

In these days of uncertainty; **we rest in Your certain love.**

In these days Lord, thank you for the kindness of friend and of stranger; for all who stack shelves and drive lorries; for those who dispense and deliver medication; for those who shop and drop; for smiles and waves from a distance.

May our distancing bring us closer together.

In these days of uncertainty; **we rest in Your certain love**

In these days Lord, we give thanks for key workers everywhere, especially those who work within our NHS.

We give thanks for the sacrificial care of so many.

For all risking lives to save lives;

We pray for all who are unwell; all fighting for their lives

We remember especially our own Joan Beagles.

With the same breath we are so grateful for the safe arrival of baby Murray, born this week to Nicola and Colin.

We pray for all who are exhausted and all charged with making difficult decisions; for all who feel afraid; for all awaiting news.

In these days of uncertainty; **we rest in Your certain love.**

In these days, we remember those who are anxious about the future; especially the self-employed, and those on zero-hour contracts; we pray for our children and young people as they study from home. We pray for homes which feel unsafe or unsupportive.

In the silence we pray for any known to us who need our prayers at this time; the sick and the lonely; the fearful and the disappointed.

Silence

And we remember those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

Silence

In these days of uncertainty; **we rest in Your certain love.**

So, God of our past, our present and our future, navigate us through these days, so that we, too, might hear your voice calling us forth from darkness into resurrection light.

May these prayers which tie us together, transform us and weave safety nets for the falling.

Merciful father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.