**Prayer to Commemorate the Dead from Covid-19**

O Giver and Keeper of Life,

We commend to you, at this time,
our sisters and brothers in the United States
who have died from Covid-19 during the past year.
Too many of our family members and friends
have been taken from us by the virus that has penetrated
our world, O Lord.
We cry out to you in our grief for this massive
loss of life in our country throughout the world.
We ask you to welcome these deceased into the eternal life
that you promise to all who seek you.
Keep us safe in this valley of darkness
where a light begins to be seen illuminating a path
to recovery.
Erase the impact of the virus on our lives and,
most especially, on the vulnerable lives
of so many in our communities and in places distant.
We shall not fear the dark of night that has been
brought into our world by this pandemic,
but shall put our trust in your eternal light and life.
Comfort the families and friends of those who have died.
We look forward to the day when we will all be united
with them and you in the heavenly kingdom of life.

Hear our prayer, O Living and Merciful God