

RESPONDING TO THE CORONAVIRUS 2020



Let's be prayerful not panicked, faithful not fearful

- faith: ask our heavenly Father to intervene
 - love: seek to serve and care for others
 - hope: take a kingdom perspective
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Let's keep meeting, but reduce close contact

- greet with smiles and waves not handshakes or kisses
 - wash hands thoroughly, minimise sharing
 - communion: no common cup, some services deferred
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Let's keep eating together, but reduce cross-contamination

- cuppa/poppa, indiv'l packs chips etc or serve with tongs
 - wash hands and use gloves for food service
 - reduce sharing of plates, touching or breathing on food
 - we might put some organised church meals on hold
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Let's look out for others

- if you're unwell, please stay home
 - if you self-isolate, please let us know
 - link up by phone/electronically
 - can we help with shopping or the like?
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Lord of all the earth, our hearts go out to all those affected by the rise of this coronavirus. As it spreads in Australia and in our local community, we ask your help for family, friends, and neighbours. As it spreads in the world, we pray especially for China and South Korea, countries with which there are so many local links.

Give wisdom to governments, insight to researchers, and resources to health authorities across the world and in Australia as they face constantly changing circumstances. Protect and guide those who work in health, aged care and education with huge responsibilities for vulnerable people. Calm our community where many are anxious and unsettled. Comfort the suffering and bereaved.

Give us an eternal perspective on this emergency, to respond with faith and love and hope—to admit our finiteness, to exert every effort to help and care for those we can, and to look to you, our heavenly Father, to restrain this disease and grant us a cure, through Jesus Christ. Amen.