

Prayer for Social Distancing

We are confused and afraid
We feel the weight of the world
And we aren't sure how to pray

We have filled our cupboards
But it has not satisfied our deeper need
We come to you, the God who sees
And provides manna in the wilderness

For the many who must work, keep them well / Lord, have mercy
For the little souls who are home, keep them nurtured / Christ, have mercy
We pray for those who heal and help / Lord, have mercy
We pray for those who refuse to listen / Christ, have mercy

We thank you for our daily bread
And pray for tenderness and tenacity
To dream creative ways to love our neighbors
And love the children right in front of us
Let us see the glory in their eyes
Help us to find pockets of joy together
And give us renewed energy for the journey ahead
Even when the path is clear

Lord, have mercy / Christ, have mercy

Amen