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Dear Friends

At this time, as we all come to terms with the uncertainty of our lives and world, I thought I would send this message to assure you that you are remembered in our thoughts and prayers. I hope that you and your loved ones are well and safe and finding creative ways to be purposeful and in good spirits.

As we know each day is an opportunity to rediscover the wonder of creation – finding new depths in ourselves and those closest to us; being amazed that, while humanity needs to isolate, our natural world is still there giving us new reflections of the face of our God and all the elements continue to give the Light, Air and Water to assure us of nourishment and life.

I also want to invite you and your members to join our Mercy family in a Mercy Circle of Prayer. I came across this Praise Prayer recently and we have decided that, as we are more separated than ever, it would be fitting for us and our Parramatta Mercy family to join together in prayer for our world. We would love you to join us. You are invited to pray this prayer and Catherine McAuley's Suscipe (or other preferred prayer) at 6.30 pm each day to encircle our world in a spirit of solidarity and compassion. If you have a candle you might like bring some light into our world. In our house we have put a lamp in our front room and keep it lit into the evening.

Over the weekend I invited the other Mercy Leaders from across the world to join us and now this circle has extended throughout Australia, New Zealand, England, North America and Ireland. This is our gift of Mercy Presence to the world at this critical time. We would love you to join us and invite others you know.

May we think of each other with kindness and care, support one another through prayer and keep our spirits up with the knowledge that we are truly loved.

Blessings

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