Intercessions for Sun July 12/20  
  
Let us pray together, while we’re apart, to God the Father of us all.  
  
Following each prayer I will say, “Father God”  
and you are invited to respond, saying,  
“ Hear Your children as we cry out to You from around the world.”  
  
In a world turned upside down with all kinds of chaos, Father God,  
R- Hear your children as we cry out to You from around the world.  
  
Where there is violence, and unrest. Where there is prejudice. Where there is unfair treatment. Where there is mistrust. Father God  
R- Hear your children as we cry out to you from around the world.  
  
Where there is poverty. Where there is hunger. Where there is homelessness. Where there is job loss. Where there is risk involved in going to work. Where home is scary and not safe. Father God  
R- Hear your children as we cry out to you from around the world.  
  
Where anxiety and depression create darkness. Where fear reigns. Where loneliness and confusion are birthed from the rules of distancing, PPE, and 10 person bubbles. Father God  
R- Hear your children as we cry out to You from around the world.  
  
Where there is Covid 19, where there is cancer and other disease, where there are little annoying health concerns passed by in the midst of an overworked health care system. Where there is sorrow and death. Father God  
R- Hear your children as we cry out to you from around the world.  
  
Father God, in the midst of these difficult times, when we choose to look, we can see your goodness and mercy in small blessings every day: a moment of true peace, a wee child’s giggle, an ice cold glass of lemonade on a hot day. The many shades of green in the forest. That moment when all around us noses and mouths are masked, but we see an eye that gives us a wink right when we need it. Bird song and guitars. And for all these simple reminders that you are right here, Lord, walking with Your Ascension People moment by moment, day by day.  
  
We thank You, O Lord.  
  
Amen.