

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Sunday, October 4, 2020)

L: After each bidding I will respond *'Lord in Your mercy'* and you will respond *'Hear our prayer'*

L: *'Lord in Your mercy'*

R: **'Hear our prayer'**

L: **Sovereign God**, I bring before You Your Church Universal. We pray for a fresh stirring of Your Spirit within Your called-out believers. Stir us, so that we may truly be your ambassadors in this world. Stir us, to truly be salt and light to the earth. Stir us, to bring hope. Stir us, to make disciples of all nations. Stir us, as an MCCA to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour in the Caribbean and the Americas.

L: *'Lord in Your mercy'*

R: **'Hear our prayer'**

L: **God, our healer**, we present to You the global pandemic, COVID-19 and the many persons who are severely ill as a result. God, our healer, we know that there is no healing like yours – there is no other who can heal us holistically- spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally. Even more specifically, we pray for your intervention and mighty touch upon those in Jamaica who are recurrently lying on the hospital bed, those quarantined at home, quarantined in a land that is not home, those who are losing their minds, those who feel hopeless and are panicking. Through their encounter with You, may they be reminded that You are king and not COVID-19. Through their encounter, may they experience Your peace, joy, and security.

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L: **Providential God**, in these times of uncertainty and dislocation we choose to stand on Your promises. Your Word reminds us, "do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear...indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things." And so faithful God, we pray for all those in Jamaica who have lost their jobs, who may lose their jobs, those who cannot afford basic needs for family, those on the brink of being homeless, those who are contemplating suicide or criminal activity. We ask O God to meet such persons at their point of need. We pray that You will inspire faith in the land of Jamaica as we come to experience and know a God who makes a way where there seems to be no way.

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R: **'Hear our prayer'**

L: **God of Justice and Righteousness**, we know it is Your nature and character to be fair and just in all areas of life. As Jamaica's Ministry of Education grapples with the best way forward for the education of the nation's children – we pray that you will grant our leaders, principals and teachers the wisdom, moral courage, endurance and compassion to sacrifice in providing equal educational opportunities. We pray for Your manifestation through Your people in the provision of academic and technological materials to those who need it the most. We pray also for the commitment of parents to doing all that is necessary to encourage and support children.

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L: **The Lord's Prayer**