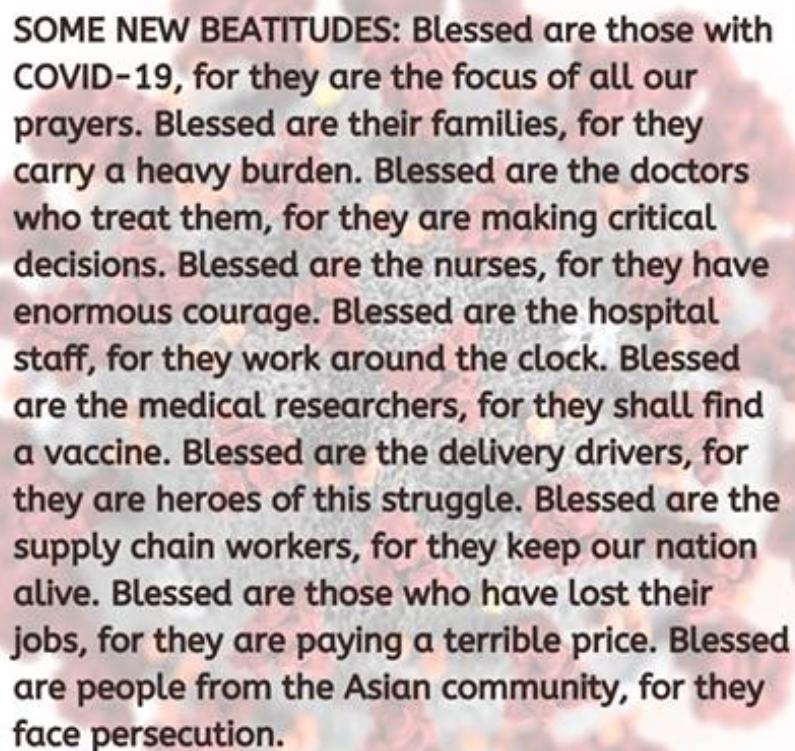


Prayers for the Week 6 April 2020

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. Amen.

(from the Church of England)



SOME NEW BEATITUDES: Blessed are those with COVID-19, for they are the focus of all our prayers. Blessed are their families, for they carry a heavy burden. Blessed are the doctors who treat them, for they are making critical decisions. Blessed are the nurses, for they have enormous courage. Blessed are the hospital staff, for they work around the clock. Blessed are the medical researchers, for they shall find a vaccine. Blessed are the delivery drivers, for they are heroes of this struggle. Blessed are the supply chain workers, for they keep our nation alive. Blessed are those who have lost their jobs, for they are paying a terrible price. Blessed are people from the Asian community, for they face persecution.

Bishop Steven Charleston