

## **Opening Prayer**

**O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still & know that you are God. O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, & guide us in the midst of the storm. O still, small voice, speak to us this hour, that we might become makers of your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world. We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. Amen.**

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## **Opening Hymn God Will Take Care of You**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Romans 5 The Message (MSG)

**5** <sup>1-2</sup> By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us—set us right with him, make us fit for him—we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.

<sup>3-5</sup> There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary—we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!

"Sour dough, Tofu, Rocket Stoves and Zoom"

**Closing Hymn Faith Is Patience in the Night** Keithahn and Horman