



TST Prayer During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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God of all creation, or all love; of all life and healing:

As we look towards the beginning of an academic year unlike any other we give thanks for those who labour in leadership and service to prepare for much that is unknown.

We come before you now in special need of your help: to nurture new ways of caring for one another; to explore new ways of teaching and learning; to develop new sensitivities for those among us are vulnerable; and to meet the challenges that we face within the limits of our resources.

When we have to be physically distant from one another, let us strive to be spiritually and emotionally close;

When we have to wear masks, let us search for new signs of happiness or sadness, of illumination or confusion: in each other's eyes, in the way we walk and talk; and let us endeavor to ensure that our masks do not hide our true selves from one another;

When we face challenging learning environments, whether in classrooms or online, may professors and students alike explore new ways of deepening their knowledge of the truth, and of the interconnectedness between theology and all the disciplines and serving professions. Help our faculty to be leader-learners more than knowledge-dispensers; and our students to discover anew the incredible blessings of learning in community.

And if, in the months ahead, any member of the TST community is to experience illness, of any kind, may it be an opportunity for us to draw that person deeper into our embrace, even if that embrace need be from a distance.

We are asking you, Almighty God, for a lot of help. But in you do we place our trust and confidence,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Now and Forever.

Amen