Prayer from the URC

God our refuge,

we seek your protection.

Protect the vulnerable from illness:

those who are old and frail,

weakened by years and struggle;

those who care for others,

expending energy and love;

those for whom inability to work

means hardship and poverty.

Protect us

from the greed and suspicion

which snatches at our own security

stock-piling and panic-buying

that deprives others of the necessities of life.

Protect us from the shortsightedness

which sees the germ in our own eyes

and ignores the plagues

of hunger, war and violence

that take so many lives each day.

Protect us from the isolation

that leads to loneliness and despair

denying the interconnectedness

that links us with one another.

God our refuge

in our panic and fear

may we not lose sight of our common humanity

that makes us one people in you. Amen.