

Intercessions (inspired by John 20:19-31)

Risen Lord Jesus, In the evening when the disciples
met, Frightened behind locked doors

You came to them with words of peace.

Breathe your Spirit of peace and hope on all whose
lives feel locked in and who struggle to cope.

Life-giving God,

We give you thanks, For Jesus has risen.

He comes to us with words of peace

Lord, Come to us all today.

In government rooms where politicians meet

In laboratories where scientists seek a vaccine

In businesses and in homes where people feel hard
pressed and the future feels uncertain,

Come with words of peace.

On hospital wards where people are suffering,

In care homes where people feel vulnerable

To staff who risk their lives for others

Come with words of peace.

Lord, Come to us whenever we are afraid

Whenever we are grieving,
Come to us now, we pray in silence
And those who mourn for Linda Radford, Nancy Bickle.
For those we care for and are worried about ...
Wendell Newbold, Julie Hughes, Liz McGarry.

Despite the doors which we must lock, the distance we
must keep to protect ourselves and others,
Hold us so that we do not shut out the world;
Give us new, resurrection hope and a desire to share
the good news of your love at all times.
Come to us with words of peace.

This Easter breathe on us again with your Spirit
For you have overcome evil and death itself.
Renew us in the power of your Spirit
That we may open the doors of our hearts
To bring words of peace to others.

Renew us in the power of your Spirit
That we may have life in your name
And that we may be faithful in prayer and care
In your name, O saving Lord Jesus.
Amen.

