Gracious God, you have given us many opportunities to share our hopes and dreams for one another; we raise our voices to you in sorrow for the loss of the chance to meet face to face and to do the important work as we had planned at this time;

God, in your mercy,
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us the strength of heart to continue in our work for equality for your daughters; help us to find new expressions of our advocacy, so that we may continue to work for change in the company of our sisters during this time of waiting.

God, in your mercy,
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are suffering from the coronavirus, that you may bless and comfort them and ensure that proper treatment is administered. Watch over those who have lost loved ones, and be present to those whose lives have been disrupted

God, in your mercy,
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of public trust and all in governing authority, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person. We pray for all healthcare professionals, that you may keep them safe so that they are able to care for those who are sick.

God, in your mercy,
**Hear our prayer.**
For those in all corners of the world who hold fear in their hearts that themselves or someone they love may be affected by this illness; hold them in your love and give them courage.

God, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*

For open eyes as we seek to combat racism and xenophobia that too often arises in times like these.

God, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*

Be with us as we await our time together with the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Uphold us in our faith and protect us and all those who currently live in fear of the illness in the world. Teach us to share Your word and Your ways in our actions and in our writing. Lead us as we share our hopes for true equality among all people. Give us strength to advocate for an end to all discrimination against women and to protect all suffering from gender-based violence. Keep us safe as we seek to do Your will before we are able to come together to continue Your work.

*God in your loving kindness.*

*Hear our prayer.*

May the Ruah Divina blow winds of courage, hope, wisdom and faith over the lives of women, especially those who suffer domestic violence so that they may find a way to escape their pain.

God, in your loving kindness,

*Hear our prayer.*

‘Though our high hopes have been dashed and our hearts are heavy with sadness, we look to you our loving God to show us the way forward. Though we do not understand, we trust in You who can bring good and life out of all situations. We pray that the Commission will be held later in the year so that the voices of women and girls can be heard and we can move towards gender justice together.

God in your loving kindness.

*Hear our Prayer*

We give thanks for the work already done in the communities by the participants at the CSW64. May you strengthen them as they wait for the session so that they continue to bring change.

Heal all those who are heartbroken because of gender inequality

God, in your loving kindness.

*Hear our Prayer*
Even when we cannot grasp why things fall apart, we can put our trust in you that you will keep us safe and healthy. Your rejection is our protection. We thank you for the strong and persevering women in our group, and for the women who have fought harder battles before us to pave the way for change. May your grace persevere and allow us to heal from sadness and disappointment, and to carry on with the important work that is ahead.

God in your loving kindness.

Hear our prayer

Let your presence and goodness be made known to each one of us as we journey through the next two weeks in fellowship with each other, apart, but together in our desire to see gender equality and justice become a global reality. Lord we ask you to move and work in those with the power and authority to make gender equality a reality and to provide the long term sustainable funding to make it happen. We long to see human flourishing be a reality in all lives. Bless us Lord as we do our bit to make that happen.

Lord in your loving kindness.

Hear our prayer.

Though miles and fears may separate us may your love and grace unite us as we lift our concerns to you. May your grace and mercy be upon as we work together to combat all prejudices and intolerances with love humility and grace and work towards unity and solutions in the service of all people. Make us as salts and lights for your Kingdom.

God in your loving kindness.

Hear our prayer.

May the turmoil of the world fall aside. Let the grievances and imbalances cease. Let the hatred and fear be replaced by love. Let there only be your path. May the work we do, together and apart, be to follow in your hopes for us and bring about your glory.

God in your loving kindness.

Hear our prayer.

We know that no matter who we are, what we plan or think cannot come into existence if it's not your Will. Indeed, as humans we felt sad that we could not gather at the CSW but what has made us closer is oneness and unity together because you are the center of our group and we thank you for this Grace. Thank you for protecting us and enable us to not step back but continue to step forward to uplift our sisters and brothers around the world who are weak and have no voice to speak for themselves. Use us for glorifying your name.

God, in your loving kindness.

Hear our prayer.
We pray the Episcopal and Anglican delegations to UNCSW 64, guide them as they process this moment. Open their hearts to embrace this time for reflection and study that all may follow your will and continue fighting for women's rights and gender equality. May the delegates use this postponement time to Thy purpose. May they grow stronger together in their charge for the equality of women around the world. And, may our disappointment with the delay be assuaged by the knowledge that all things come in your time.

We pray for our sisters who have died, whose lives were marked by their commitment to UNCSW in their work for justice, (add your own names as you like)

Beth Adamson
Joan Grimm Fraser
Elizabeth Loweth
Marge Christie
And others you may name.

God, in your loving kindness,
Hear our prayer.

Closing Collect

Creator God, We put our whole trust in you knowing that in our uncertainty your truth still continues as the light for our journey. Though we are not bound together by a common place grant that we be bound together by your spirit so that the work of CSW64 by transform your broken world.
In your holy name we pray.
AMEN.
The members of the Episcopal Church’s Presiding Bishop’s Delegation are:

Ms. Nancy Stafford, Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island (Province I); Ms. Yunjeong Seol, Episcopal Diocese of New York (Province II); Ms. Erin Morey, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh (Province III); The Reverend Canon Milly Morrow, Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina (Province IV); Ms. Ellen Lindeen, Episcopal Diocese of Chicago (Province V); Ms. Tatiana Hoecker, Episcopal Diocese of West Texas (Province VII); Ms. Maria Gonzalez, Episcopal Diocese of Olympia (Province VIII); and Ms. Pragedes Coromoto Jimenez de Salazar, Episcopal Diocese of Venezuela (Province IX).

The members from the Anglican Communion delegation are:

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