O Loving God and Divine Healer,
We come to you as medical workers and first responders.
Let our prayers be in your presence today,
to protect and guide us as we serve your people.

We ask for your mercy for we are reduced
and brought low by this pandemic.
For we trust in you and rely on your tender kindness
with our whole heart.
We know we cannot do this alone.

Help us not to fix our gaze on what is beyond our powers,
but rather to be what you have called us to be,
a healing presence, your healing presence,
to the sick and vulnerable.
Help us not to lose heart in the midst of great suffering,
but to recognize the goodness of so many others
who are reaching out to those in need.

Embrace all of us, O God, both the sick and the well,
for we believe and hope in the vastness of your love
for us and in your desire for our healing.
Amen.

-Sister Marjorie Kelly, CSJ