

A Prayer for This Time – by Becky Bros

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Abba Father, we come to you asking for your help by giving us understanding of your word. Help us to pray through your word. Let us put you first in our hearts and minds and in our homes.

You must be hearing from around the world, all people, all languages, and all asking: "What is this, God? Why are we being attacked with this virus? Why me? Why any of us?"

We are so blessed that we have you, God, and we have been given time to spend with you and your Holy Word, for there are the answers we are looking for. So, Lord, let us use this time to draw closer to you and your words. And may we use your words to bring peace, wisdom, and love to someone who might not know you. May all rest in the comfort of your mighty wings.

Lord, we ask for your wisdom for all the people who are working on a cure, looking for protection from the virus, people looking for a way to heal the wounded. We give thanks for them, but more important we give praise to our Savior.

John 3: 16: "For God so loved the world, that gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

We seek your guidance for the President and all the people making decisions that affect the lives of so many. May they first turn to you and know the decisions are not theirs alone to make.

Psalms 121:1-2: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

Lord, we give thanks for the many verses in your book that give us words of courage, and for the passages that tell us we are not alone.

John 14:18: "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." Romans 8:39 : "Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Psalm 46:1: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Father, there are many who are fretful, who can't sleep as they are worried; for them we pray for the peace of mind and rest they need.

Isaiah 26:3 "Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee." John 14:27 "Peace, I leave with you, my peace I give

unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Father, we ask for understanding about your love and how you care for each of us through all and any problems. We pray for the many living on fixed income, IRA's etc, the young who need jobs, those watching the stock market every day. Help us to know where our supplies come from.

Psalm 23:1 "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." The wonderful words I heard as a child in Sunday School, when the word LOVE was being discussed: "Divine love has met and always will meet very human need." Philippians 4: 19 "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Father, it is through your precious Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that we pray these words. Our hearts overflow with gratitude knowing you are our shield and protector. Thank you for calling us your children and for loving us first; may we love others as you love us. Amen.

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