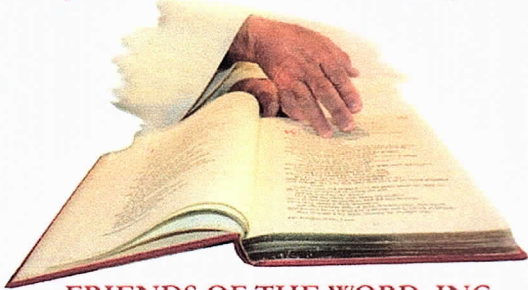


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No one was prepared for what we experienced in the Spring of 2020..whether it was called Covid-19, Coronavirus, (*Chinese Virus*), Pandemic, Epidemic or whatever other nomenclature there was in reference to our Spring experience of 2020....we were not ready for it.



Pope Francis blessing the World

“Mass from Home” took on a new meaning...video conferencing, video chat, Zoom, Facebook Live, and numerous other platforms became our daily communications tool....not in the office only, but in homes, churches, residences and a variety of other locations! “Closed” became a term we were tired

of seeing...on restaurants, shops, schools, clubs and churches as well.



<The Colosseum. Lonely streets, Rome

I am sure. Listening to daily briefings from the President, Governors, Mayors, Bishops, our local Pastors and Clergy became the norm, and will slowly wear out as time goes on. Gloves, masks, social-distancing, ventilators, ER's, overcrowded hospitals and healthcare workers became popular

conversation topics! **Donations, charities, food sharing, home schooling and isolating**, became important words and events to live by.



Navy Ship “Comfort” in NYC harbor (left)

All of our lives were changed...and we still do not know for how long. The ramifications of Covid-19 will be ongoing for years,



A desolate Manhattan, during Isolation