



A Prayer in Challenging Times

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to you with praise in our hearts for Your Majesty, Your Sovereignty, Your Power, Your Love, for Who You are. We repent of all that displeases You and ask for Your divine help to change all of our errant ways. Thank You for the privilege to present to You, at this critical time in our world, our petitions, and to lay our burdens at Your feet.

O, Lord, as we continue to experience the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, impact that stretches from the inconvenience of wearing face masks to the adjustment of homeschooling to the uncertainty of loss of a job or business to the fear of facing eviction to the devastation of a loved one's death, we cry out to You for Your Divine intervention, Father, for Your way out of no way, for Your help.

We ask according to Your Word that You

- ❖ heal those who are dealing with COVID-19 or other illness, affliction or injury, since You said You would restore them to health and heal their wounds. (Jeremiah 30:17)
- ❖ protect and strengthen the essential workers as they put their lives on the line for us all. You are faithful to protect them from the evil one (2 Thessalonians 3:9).
- ❖ give comfort and a crown to those who have lost loved ones, whether or not from the COVID-19 (Isaiah 61:2-3).
- ❖ provide for those who have lost jobs or businesses, supplying their every need (Philippians 4:19).
- ❖ give peace to those overcome with anxiety and worry, as You guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6,7)
- ❖ give hope to those who are overwhelmed with sadness or depression, that they may know You will strengthen and help them (Isaiah 41:10, 13).
- ❖ remind those who fear an uncertain future that You plan to prosper them, and that they may have a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11).
- ❖ make Your presence known to those who are lonely or separated from loved ones, since You said that You would be with us even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20).

Thank you for and bless the pastors of the world, especially our own Pastor Robinson. You have prepared them for such a time as this. Now continue to strengthen them. Refresh and re-energize them each day through Your Holy Spirit. Give them wisdom to make decisions for their flocks that align

with Your will. Indeed, may all leaders worldwide turn to You in these times for wisdom, guidance and understanding.

Help us, Father to remember that You are fully aware of our personal, national and global circumstances and that You are with us always. Help us to focus not on our situation, but instead on You, trusting that there is purpose in what we are experiencing, and that, as Your Word says in Romans 8:28, all things work together for our good if we love You and are called according to Your purpose. Remind us that the ultimate goal in every circumstance is for You to be glorified.

As our communities are now slowly reopening, we pray for Your direction, so that the gains we have made against the coronavirus are not lost. We may never again know the “normal” we lived just a few months ago, but we trust that You will make a way for us into this new world.

Thank you, Father, for hearing and answering our prayer. We love You. We honor You. We glorify You, praying in the mighty Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.