



To Doctors, Nurses, Technicians, and Other Medical Personnel:

Our South Tampa Fellowship family wants to say a heart-felt "Thank you!" to you.

You have wept to see so many lives lost. You have consoled countless family members. You have been the recipients of anger, frustrations, criticisms, grief, and fear. You have cared selflessly for others, while you often had no one to care for you.

You have been working a horrendous schedule. You have worked until you've had no physical and emotional strength to carry on. Yet, somehow, you have managed to get up the next day and do it again. Again, thank you!

A courageous person is one who puts others first, while recognizing the personal risk in doing so. You embody courage. *Thank you for your courage.*

Your sacrifices include your willingness to put your lives on the line for others. But you have also sacrificed time and energy, working past the point of exhaustion.

You have sacrificed your family at times. Perhaps your family understood that, like soldiers, you are on a battlefield to save lives. Perhaps your family did not understand, and you've lived under the pressure of saving lives while trying to save your family. *Thank you for your sacrifices.*

You have held the hands of dying patients and whispered hope to them. You have exhorted other patients to fight for their lives and for their families. You have given kind words and hope to the families of COVID victims. *Thank you for your hope.*

You have witnessed tragedy after tragedy, but you personify hope for countless individuals. When COVID patients could not see their families, you were there for them. For some, you were the only person they could see as they took their final breaths.

We have prayed by name for those of you we know, and we have prayed in aggregate for the millions we don't know. And we will continue to do so. We refer to Jesus as the Great Physician. We pray that He will be your Great Encourager and Great Comforter. You deserve our thanks, our prayers, and infinitely more.

God Bless You!

Pastor JJ Johnson, on behalf of the staff and church family of STF