

Prayer Requests - COVID19 Pandemic - Week 2

Together we continue our prayers, adding to last week's list.

Your prayers and your compassionate acts are like a memorial offering to God. Acts 10:4b CEB

In this passage, Cornelius, a Roman soldier, is singled out for a special assignment. As you pray specifically for some of the many needs in our World, consider it your offering to God, who hears every prayer.

Creating a small altar in our home can be a constant reminder of God's presence with us. Lighting a candle can reflect God's fullness: **Almighty Father**; **Jesus**: Savior, Redeemer, Friend; **Holy Spirit**: Christ alive in our world, available to us.

Gratitude to God enables us to be aware of God's Power and Presence in all circumstances. When we begin by praying from scripture hope stirs in our hearts. Psalm 91 is so relevant to our current concerns.

Scripture refers to those who pray for others as intercessors. They bring specific and passionate prayers before God. Here are specific prayers that people have shared with me, may we passionately pray:

1. Continued protection and provision for all courageous front lines medical professionals, that all protective gear, necessary equipment and medicine essential to treat victims will be available. That all might receive strength and wisdom to press on. If you know some personally remind them you are praying for them. Lift prayers of thanksgiving as you see God answering.
2. Families of front line medical professionals, who have great concerns as loved ones daily, selflessly place themselves in danger.
3. Patients with the coronavirus, and their families, to feel God's presence and powerful, healing touch; pray especially for those who are walking through the valley of death, anywhere around the world .
4. Families that have lost loved ones during regulated social distancing who will lack human comfort not available to them at a time they need it the most; claim for them the promise of God to be near the broken hearted.
5. Families separated for any reason to increase their prayers for God's Divine love and presence to fill the void where human acts of love are absent.
6. The many people who feel isolated and very lonely, whether they are in Nursing Homes, live alone, are homeless or suffer from deep depression when they are alone, to hear Jesus say to them, "Come to me, I am with you always."
7. That politicians and media will remove agendas and work together in cooperative ways; barriers will be removed, and the goodness and mercy of God will flow.
8. Christian churches, everywhere to experience renewal, revival, returning and receiving the fullness of God in Christ Jesus. God wants to give us, "**a long drink of salvation.**" Ps. 91:16b The Message.

King St Church asked their congregation to pray at 4:12 daily, claiming the promises of salvation in Acts 4:12. Join them or embrace a way to join Christians beyond the walls of your congregation to proclaim Christ.

9. Now pause and read chapter John 9. Pause at vs 39, Jesus speaks to the man healed of blindness:

"I entered this world to render judgement- to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind." May we **see** God healing all our spiritual blindness.

10. Other concerns you have- And remember this promise of God, as you conclude your prayer:

"Jesus...is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." Romans 8:34b

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