

Praying During the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic

In this time of uncertainty, the church must look to God for our answers, our protection, and our hope. While the needs are great, we must not forget that our God is greater. During these tumultuous times, we may not be able to gather for prayer together, however we can pray confidently knowing when our faith unites with His power, all things are possible.

Pray...

- **Declare the Sovereignty of God.** Praise Him for...
 - being our Savior and the God of body and spirit
 - the Great Physician who can heal as well as reveal insights for medical treatments
 - the Prince of Peace who can calm panic, reduce fear, and bring unity
 - the Wonderful Counselor who gives wisdom and brings comfort
- **Pray for an end to the virus' spread.** The Coronavirus did not take God by surprise; He is still governing and sustaining the world. Pray for God's healing mercy and that He would graciously bring this pandemic to an end. Pray for healing for all those affected by the virus.
- **Pray for the worldwide Body of Christ.** Pray we will rise to the occasion and be a shining light to people and societies that are filled with fear. Pray that in the midst of fear, people will get desperate and turn to God and Truth. Pray for a worldwide harvest of prodigals.
- **Pray for government leaders.** At all times, Christians are called to pray for those in positions of authority (1 Tim. 2:2). This is especially true during a time of national emergency. Pray for the president, vice president and his team, governors, mayors, and all those making decisions related to public health and safety. Pray for a spirit of bipartisanship as lawmakers work together to protect people. Help them to know what to do, when to do it and the proper steps to take. (Daniel 2: 21b-22)
- **Pray for healthcare workers and first responders.** Pray Psalm 91 protection upon doctors, nurses, emergency responders, and other medical professionals who are doing research on the Coronavirus.
- **Pray for church leaders.** Pastors around the country are making difficult decisions related to public worship and the safety of their members. Pray that pastors will have wisdom to faithfully shepherd the congregations under their care, even if they are unable to physically gather (1 Peter 5:2). Pray that Christians will love their neighbors well during this time (Mark 12:31).
- **Pray for the vulnerable.** Authorities tell us that those immunocompromised people are especially at risk as the virus spreads. Pray for protection for the elderly, those with chronic illnesses, and those facing financial hardship. Pray for students who are being required to vacate college housing with very little notice. Over the next few weeks, there will be many opportunities to meet tangible needs. Pray that God's people meet these opportunities with wisdom and grace.
- **Pray for honest reporting.** Christians should pray for those in the news media. Pray that reporters and journalists would accurately report updates about the status of the virus, and not seek to peddle conspiracies, politicize the threat, or stoke fear where it is unwarranted.
- **Pray for the economy.** Pray the economy will recover quickly from this unexpected pandemic. Pray that the necessary supplies the public needs will be replenished in a timely manner.
- **Pray for a spirit of generosity.** During this time, churches will face a loss of income at a time when there are many opportunities to meet physical needs. Pray that God's people will manifest a spirit of generosity and sacrificially give of their time and resources to meet needs that will arise (2 Cor. 9:6-8).
- **Pray for a posture of trust.** Scripture teaches us that God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control (2 Tim 1:7). Pray for enduring faith during this season of heightened fear, anxiety, and confusion. Appropriate precautions should be taken, but Christians must continue to rely on God and trust His purposes and plans (Rom. 8:28).
- **Pray for the spread of the gospel.** In this time of great anxiety, pray that God's people would be ready to meet the world with the comfort and hope that only the good news of Jesus Christ can offer.
- **Pray for the family and friends who have lost loved ones.** To date, 9,400 people have died as a result of the coronavirus. Pray for those grieving the loss of these people. Pray for healing and wellness for those who were in close contact with these victims before they passed.