

## COVID-19 PRAYER GUIDE

### **Joshua 1:9 (NIV)**

... Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Please use this resource to help you pray for our church, our community, our nation and our world at this time. One of the privileges of God's people is to come before the throne of Grace in prayer.

### **PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER**

- Give praise and thanksgiving to God for His love for us that cannot be hindered by anything including the Covid-19 virus that has threatened the world. Romans 8:38-39.
- Pray that God's will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven in this "Valley of the Covid-19 Pandemic", Matthew 6:9-10, Psalm 23.

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY, 1 Timothy 2:1-2.**

- Pray for the unity of those who lead our Country that they may work together for the best of the American people regardless of political differences in setting policies and making decisions to help stop the virus.
- Pray for the leaders of our State, for wisdom in making decisions necessary to help combat Covid-19 and protect the citizens of Indiana.
- Pray that the citizens of Indiana will cooperate with decisions and policies that our leaders make in the best interest of everyone's health.
- Pray for doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals, for their health, strength and needed supplies.
- Pray for scientists to be successful in finding a vaccine and other effective ways to protect people and bring healing to those affected.
- Pray for truck drivers and those working to get needed supplies to hospitals and makeshift facilities for testing and care of those in need.

### **PRAYER FOR PROTECTION**

- That God would heal the elderly and vulnerable who have contracted the virus.
- That there would be adequate medical and personal care for all who are affected.
- Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. For those who are anxious for themselves or for elderly parents, friends or relatives. For those struggling physically, emotionally or otherwise with isolation or the changes in this time.
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

## **PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORS**

- Pray for our community and neighbors. Ask the Lord to reveal opportunities to serve, show practical care, to connect with and reassure those who live around us or those we work with.
- Pray for protection for those most vulnerable.
- Pray that those who need it will have the courage to ask for help and assistance.

## **PRAY FOR BUSINESSES, ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOLS**

- Let us pray for businesses, organizations and for the owners and staff of shops, restaurants, café etc. These are difficult financial times for them.
- Pray for schools, staff, children as normal schedules and practices are disrupted.
- 1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

## **PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH**

- Pray that the Church would act out of faith, not fear, in its response to the virus.
- Pray for the leadership of congregations (Elders & Staff) for wisdom in making decisions and planning worship opportunities through the internet and other ways to connect with the congregation.
- Pray for the ongoing financial obligations that must be met.
- Pray for churches to reflect God's words of hope and reassurance.
- Pray for God's Holy Spirit to protect, awaken and empower the church in this time.
- Pray for wisdom and creativity as we seek to love God and love our neighbors.

## **PRAYER FOR OURSELVES**

- Pray for ourselves: let us use the time to evaluate all of life's priorities or pressures with a fresh perspective.
- Pray that God's will may be done in our life; that He may stretch and grow us in our faith and Christ likeness.

"Only God can move mountains, but faith and prayer can move  
God."

E.M. Bounds