COVID-19 Prayer Guide Prepared by Kathy Howard

Prayer is not a last resort. Prayer is our most powerful weapon against this deadly foe. I hope this COVID-19 Prayer Guide will be a helpful resource for you and others in the days ahead.

Begin with praise:

God you are sovereign and all-powerful. You are able to stop this virus now, but for reasons we cannot understand, You are allowing it to continue and we trust You. You are holy and righteous and all Your acts are just. We ask that Your purposes will prevail.

Ask for God's intervention:

Lord, we know that you see everything happening here and care about every person. We ask that You will extend Your mercy and grace to all. Stop COVID-19 in its tracks. Stop the spread and eliminate its threat. Work in ways that display Your power and bring glory to Your name.

Pray for yourself. Ask God to:

- Search your heart and reveal any areas of selfishness and greed that have resulted from the pressures of this crisis
- Build your trust in God more and decrease your worry, anxiety, and fear
- Increase your faith in this time of trial
- Show you how you can encourage, support, and help others

Pray for our government leaders as they navigate this massive challenge. Ask God to:

- Help President Trump & his staff, the 50 governors & their staffs, congress, mayors, and county judges
- Give them full and accurate information
- Give them wisdom, insight, and discernment to properly use the information
- Protect their health, give them physical energy and emotional strength
- Foster unity, cooperation, humility, good communication, and unselfishness as they work together

Pray for doctors, nurses, and healthcare workers. Ask God to:

- Protect them and their families from the virus
- Give them physical energy, courage, and emotional strength
- Provide the equipment, tools, and supplies they need
- Provide adequate PPEs (personal protection equipment)
- Strengthen them spiritually and provide chaplains for support

Pray for medical researchers and scientists. Ask God to:

Provide physical energy and mental acuity

- Work through them to provide effective treatment for COVID-19
- Give them wisdom to produce a fully effective vaccine in record time
- Provide the capability of producing and distributing this vaccine to meet the need

Pray for individuals and families. Ask God to:

- Encourage everyone to heed the seriousness of this situation, obey authorities, and adhere to the social distancing guidelines
- Protect the most at-risk and vulnerable like the elderly and immune-compromised
- Reduce stress and its effects on families like physical abuse and substance abuse
- Provide for those who have lost jobs and are struggling financially
- Help families adjust to new schedules and for home schooling needs
- Comfort those who've lost loved ones during this time
- Deepen family relationships

Pray for spiritual leaders, pastors, ministers, lay leaders, and churches. Ask God to:

- Protect and build their faith
- Show them ways to maintain the teaching and community of the local church
- Wisdom for helping support their local communities
- Give them creative ways to share the Gospel with a hurting world
- Show them how to support community leaders
- Provide financially for our spiritual leaders and the local church

Pray for "group-living" situations like nursing homes, assisted living, & prisons. Ask God to:

- Give administrations wisdom in protecting their facilities
- Show staffs how to prevent bringing the virus into the facility
- Comfort family and loved ones that cannot visit

Pray for colleges, universities, and school districts. Ask God to:

- Give teachers wisdom and creativity for distance learning
- Provide needed devices and wi-fi for students
- Help administrators build distance learning programs and support their teachers
- Provide all resources and help needed to finish the school year

Pray for the US economy. Ask God to:

- Give US and state governments innovative ways to support and protect small businesses
- Give the federal government wisdom in how to best help large industries who are most impacted
- Give small business owners wisdom to best manage their finances and ingenuity and creativity for generating revenue and retaining employees
- Help non-essential & entertainment business/industry to survive this crisis hotels, airlines, sports, cinemas, theaters, etc

Pray for essential support services. Ask God to:

- Establish and maintain sufficient distribution channels for medical supplies and food
- Increase production of ventilators, protective gear, and other equipment
- Provide trucks and drivers for shipping
- Strengthen and protect grocery store personnel
- Help grocery stores find effective policies and procedures to protect themselves and shoppers
- Strengthen, protect, & encourage community support services like USPS, garbage services, utility services, and internet providers

Pray for governmental agencies and departments on the front line. Here are a few that need our prayers:

- COVID-19 Task Force, Vice-President Mike Pence (chairman) members list
- <u>Department of State</u>, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo
- <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u>, Director Robert Redfield
- Department of Health & Human Resources
- Department of Homeland Security
- Food and Drug Administration
- Department of Education
- List of all government agencies involved and what they're doing

Pray for Law Enforcement and first responders:

- Your local police, fire, EMTs
- County sheriff offices
- State police
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- All branches of military