

A Prayer for Our Nation in Coronavirus Lockdown Sunday April 19 2020

Our Loving Father,

In this moment when we feel locked in to a terrible set of circumstances, locked up in our homes, locked down by fear and uncertainty;

Help us to find freedom in faith, healing in hope, liberty in your love.

In this time when tempers can get frayed in relationships, give us the fruit of your Spirit in our lives, our homes, our dealings with one another in society.

We pray for all our First Baptist church family, that though we are isolated from one another in corporate worship, we will be holding each other up in prayer.

We pray for - Love. Joy. Peace. Patience. Kindness. Goodness. Faithfulness. Gentleness. Self-control.

Be especially with those who feel most isolated and alone.

Grant them a deep sense of your presence through long days and lonely hours, bring comfort and calm, strength and support.

Help us to appreciate simple pleasures in a fresh way through our unusual circumstances, the blessing of home, the joy of loved ones, the view from our windows of the awakening of Spring, the voice of a friend on the phone, or an encouraging e-mail.

We cry out to You for the safety and protection of all our doctors, nurses and support workers who daily witness the onslaught of coronavirus, and seek to alleviate the suffering of those in their care.

We pray for healing and recovery for the many thousands undergoing coronavirus treatment.

We pray for all caregivers facing exceptional circumstances in dealing with their loved ones, especially all those in lockdown in nursing homes.

We pray with thanks for all those who supply our food chain, and those who work around the clock to keep that supply chain operational.

We pray for all our governments at the Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels. Grant them extraordinary wisdom and insight as they wrestle with so many difficult decisions in meeting the needs of so many

Continually remind us that “our times are in your hands.”

Lord, hear our prayers.

For we ask them in Jesus Name,

Amen