



Reflections by the Lake Devotions for an Unordinary Time

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Grace Via Coronavirus
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During this pandemic we have learned a lot. We have learned the importance of wearing face masks, washing hands often with antibacterial soap and social distancing. With altered schedules, we sometimes feel isolated and alone. But this isolation has also given us more time for quiet reflection. It seems to heighten our senses and allows us to become more aware of simple things that may have gone unnoticed in busier times. This has given me the opportunity to learn in a new way how to capture God's grace all around me.

I see it in the love of our Lakeside children and youth, with their bright and beautiful yard signs, to remind us to "Be the Church" wherever we are.

I hear it in the phone call from a friend, just checking on me to make sure I am okay.

I see it during neighborhood walks when even strangers greet me with a wave and a smile.

I see it in the card from a special friend, expressing love and concern when we cannot be together.

I see it in the special deliveries from "Lakeside Buddies" just to show they care.

I see it in a husband who volunteers to stop by the grocery store to pick up much-needed items.

I see it in a friend who meets me in the parking lot to share a burger and fries and our friendship.

I hear it in the neighborhood children's voices, happy voices playing outside who pause to give me a cheerful "Hello."

Simple things, while social distancing, where hugs and handshakes are banned, fill me with God's grace. These special joys of gladness give me a happy feeling of Hope. Thanks be to God!

Thank you, Lord, for always being there for us. May we continue to reach out to others during these difficult days in order to share your love. Heighten our senses so that we may always be aware of your grace all around us. Amen.

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12