

Day of Prayer March 15, 2020

"We are a Country that, throughout our history, has looked to God for protection and strength in times like these....,No matter where you may be, I encourage you to turn towards prayer in an act of faith." President Trump

While we do not know what will happen as this situation changes, we do know that we can, and must, pray. As we look to the days and weeks ahead, would you join us in prayer?

- Ask God, in his mercy, to stem the tide of this growing pandemic, not only in our communities, but in cities around the world (Isaiah 59:1–2).
- Pray for our government leaders—international, federal, state and local to have the wisdom to direct us in the best courses of action for prevention and care. Pray that those who are called to address this crisis (particularly medical professionals and those in positions of authority) would be equipped to handle new cases with wisdom and compassion (Romans 13:1–4).
- Pray for God to give his people wisdom and courage to display foundations of faith instead of fear. Pray that all would realize how fragile life is, how real eternity is and turn to believe the gospel. Pray that local churches would lead the way in exhibiting a spirit of trust in God and love for others (Matthew 22:37–39).
- Pray for God to protect and strengthen our missionaries and their families, that they would act as God's ambassadors, continuing to offer the hope of the gospel to the world (Mark 16:15).

As believers, we are called to run toward tragedy and not away from it. Faithful Christians have done this throughout many generations. Let's be faithful in this moment to be the hands and feet of Christ caring for the sick and pointing people to ultimate hope in him.