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Covid19 Coronavirus



Blessings, and greetings in the matchless and the Holy Name of the risen Christ.

I have been watching all of the updates on the Coronavirus, as I am sure you have too. I have felt helpless and, at times, worried about its impact on the world. I want you to know that I am praying with and for you, as you seek the wisdom of God on how to best address the effects of the virus in your church and surrounding community.

Therefore, I am writing to you my sisters and brothers in light of the rapid spread of the Covid 19 bug that is filling our world with concern, fright, and even death. These are unique times, and the church is being called to stand up and be a voice of faith and reason by modeling best practices based on the scientific evidence. Here are three links to the CDC that you may reference for best methods to help you navigate these uncharted waters. This first link is what to do if you get sick: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/steps-when-sick.html>; this second link is specific to the community and Faith-based organizations: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/guidance-community-faith-organizations.html>; this third link is regarding the implementation of mitigation strategies for communities: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community-mitigation-strategy.pdf>. I hope these CDC links will be helpful as you and your church family love, care, and respect one another.

In closing, if nothing else, the virus has shown me that despite State, Nation, Culture, or any other thing that we have used to build walls that isolate us from one another are all an illusion. We are one humanity, and we must learn to love, care, and respect each other because we are our brother's and sister's keeper.

With Hope,

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