

## BRIARCLIFF CHURCH

*Share the gospel.  
Grow in community.  
Serve others.*



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### PRAYING DURING UNCERTAIN TIMES AND FEAR

Threats of the *Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)* has brought a cloud of fear on our world. Fear is a natural response to danger. David admitted his fear when surrounded by his enemies.

*"I am gripped by fear and trembling; I am overcome with horror.*

*I wish I had wings like a dove. I would fly away and find rest."*

*(Psalm 55:5-6). We all can identify with his fear. What did David do? After admitting his fear, he turned his attention to the sufficiency of God. "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." (Psalm 56:3) Allow the following scripture to strengthen your faith and to be an encouraging witness to others. Each day, meditate on a verse and let it guide you in prayer.*

#### Sunday

Isaiah 41:13 "For I am the Lord your God, who upholds your right hand, who says to you, '**Do not fear**, I will help you.'

- *Thank you for being an all sufficient God who cares.*
- *Help me to be aware of your gentle grasp on my right hand to guide me through fearful times.*

#### Monday

Exodus 14:13 "**Do not be afraid**. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today.

- *When I am afraid, help me to stand firm and trust in your deliverance.*
- *Guide us in trusting you during the threat of this pandemic and give wisdom to our leaders in finding solutions.*

#### Tuesday

Exodus 20:20 "**Don't be afraid**," Moses answered them, "for God has come in this way to test you, and so that your fear of him will keep you from sinning!"

- *When you allow my life to be tested, help me not fear but grow in my faith*
- *Work through this pandemic to purify us as a nation and confess our sins.*

#### Wednesday

Psalm 46:1-2 God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So, **we will not fear** when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea.

- *When trouble comes, heighten my awareness of your strength and guide me to grow in faith.*
- *Work through me to be a witness of our hope in you.*

#### **Thursday**

Isaiah 35:4 Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and **do not fear**, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you."

- *Help me to not fear but be able to stand strong in your strength.*
- *Let me be a voice of encouragement to those filled with fear.*

#### **Friday**

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. **Do not fear** or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

- *Keep me mindful that you will go before me today and I need not fear anything that comes my way.*
- *Go before those working on a solution for the virus and guide them with your wisdom.*

#### **Saturday**

Jeremiah 51:46 Don't lose courage; rumors will spread through the land, but **don't be afraid.** <sup>50</sup> **Remember the LORD.**

- *Help me not allow news reports to cause me to fear but rather trust you, the God who is in control.*
- *Work through this fearful day and bring unity in our land.*