



New Life in Christ Call to Fasting and Prayer

March 23, 2020

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Romans 8:20-21

But when Jesus heard this, He said, "This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it." John 11:4

Dear New Life in Christ Church Family,

Is it a surprise to our God that the present world events are happening in the midst of New Life in Christ's Mission's Month? As the apostle Paul's letter to the Romans demonstrates, the Lord subjected creation to trials and tribulations so that we would find hope. And as he tells the Corinthian church, "If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied." (1 Corinthians 15:19) Yet more than ever we believe that the Lord God will show us His glory through Christ's church.

Flatten the Curve while Extending your Radius - As you limit community interaction to mitigate the spread of this virus, at the same time be encouraged to extend your radius of connection: first and foremost, to our God and Savior, but also to other covenant members of New Life and to your neighbors.

- As much as you are able, use Monday as a day of prayer and fasting. Seek the Lord individually. Spend time in God's Word to seek His face and pray His thoughts.
- Use the prayer guide below and/or one of the following passages for meditation and prayer: Joel 2:12-19; Psalms 4, 13, 23, 46, 121, 130, 136, 142; Philippians 4:4-7; Romans 8:18-39; James 5:13-20.
- Consider using technology and social media to coordinate your efforts. And remember those in your care group for whom "zoom" is simply beyond their grasp. Use your directory and give them a call, send them a text, or find a way to connect. Look for ways to help one another "hold fast the confession of our hope" (Hebrews 10:23-25).

Our Elders and Deacons are ready and attentive to supporting the needs of every member. If you have particular needs or concerns, please contact your Shepherd-Elder, a Deacon (<https://www.nlicc.org/telladeacon/>), or the pastors or church office (540-786-4848).

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Sam

Acknowledge the Lord's wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

- *Wisdom* - "O Lord, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions." Psalm 104:24
- *Power* - "The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul." Psalm 121:7
- *Holiness* - "Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, and You can not look on wickedness with favor. Why do You look with favor on those who deal treacherously? Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up those more righteous than they?" Habakkuk 1:13
- *Justice* - Far be it from You to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?" Genesis 18:25
- *Goodness* - "Let them give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness, and for His wonders to the sons of men!" Psalm 107:8
- *Truth* - "The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He." Deuteronomy 32:4

Confess your own particular sins and identify the sins of our nation (e.g. Daniel 9:1-19).

12 "Yet even now," declares the Lord,
"return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
13 and rend your hearts and not your garments."

Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

Joel 2:12-13

Give thanks that our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:2)

18 Then the Lord became jealous for his land
and had pity on his people.

19 The Lord answered and said to his people,
"Behold, I am sending to you
grain, wine, and oil,
and you will be satisfied;
and I will no more make you
a reproach among the nations.

Joel 2:18-19

Ask the Lord to intercede:

- For those in high risk categories.
- For mercy upon those who are infected or will be.
- For healthcare workers and those on the front lines of the response.
- For family members caring for those at high risk.
- For the Lord's provision and hope for those who are affected in temporal ways, especially financially.
- For our national, state, and community leaders who need to make public health decisions.
- For a mighty outpouring of the Lord's Spirit on our land, and for this event to point people's hearts to eternity and to know the Lord Jesus Christ.
- For our mission's month: The gospel is never more relevant than right now as people meet anxiety and fear. Pray for our missions commitment and our faith promise to support the work of missions around the world.

Let all the earth see the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word who became flesh...the glory of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth! (see Psalm 72:18-19; John 1:14)

Upcoming Events via Livestream (www.nlicc.org/watchlive)

Next Sunday (3/29/20)

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School Classes (via livestream)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (via livestream)
- NO Evening Service or Youth Group

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