### **Prayer in Time of Peril**

Sovereign Commander of the Universe, I am sadly harassed by doubts, fears, unbelief, in a felt spiritual darkness. My heart is full of evil surmising and disquietude, and I cannot act faith at all. My heavenly Pilot has disappeared, and I have lost my hold on the Rock of Ages; I sink in deep mire beneath storms and waves, in horror and distress unutterable. Help me, O Lord, to throw myself absolutely and wholly on thee, for better, for worse, without comfort, and all but hopeless. Give me peace of soul, confidence, enlargement of mind, morning joy that comes after night heaviness; Water my soul richly with divine blessings; Grant that I may welcome thy humbling in private so that I might enjoy thee in public; Give me a mountain top as high as the valley is low. Thy grace can melt the worst sinner, and I am as vile as he: Yet thou hast made me a monument of mercy, a trophy of redeeming power; In my distress let me not forget this. All-wise God. Thy never-failing providence orders every event, sweetens every fear, reveals evil's presence lurking in seeming good, brings real good out of seeming evil, makes unsatisfactory what I set my heart upon, to show me what a short-sighted creature I am.

and to teach me to live by faith upon thy blessed self. Out of my sorrow and night give me the name

and to walk worthy of my heavenly pedigree.

Naphtali - 'satisfied with favor' help me to love thee as thy child,

# **Find out More**

Our Weekly Worship Services begin at 9:25 on Sunday Morning. If you are unable to join us for worship our service is also broadcast on cable channels 19 and 98, or you can watch on Youtube - just search for Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. There is a link to our channel at our website: www.lennoxpca.org

Lennox Ebenezer also offers The Exchange Food Pantry to area residents in need of food. The Exchange hours are: Monday - 2:00 - 3:30 Wednesday 3:30-4:30 Saturday 9:00-10:00

If you have questions, or would like for us to be praying for you, please email or call:

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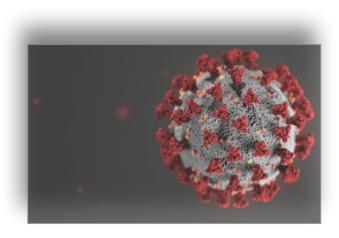
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Finding Hope In the Midst of Uncertain Times: A Word of Encouragement from Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church



## In Uncertain Times

These are uniquely troubling times. While there have been viral outbreaks and scares in recent years, not since the Spanish Flu of 1918 has the world seen a pandemic with such an influence on the physical, economical, social, and spiritual health of the entire world.

Fueled by the constant barrage of information from the media (with varying degrees of reliability), and exacerbated by an already divisive political climate, the fear and anxiety we sense is palpable.

What hope do we have in such uncertainty? How do we find peace in troubling times?

As your neighbors at Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, we want to offer this brochure to encourage you with the hope of the Gospel. Included are readings of Scripture, a prayer from *The Valley of Vision*, and some information about the ministries available through our Church.

Here are 3 quick points to consider:

- 1) God is sovereign over all things, and works all things according to the purpose of His good will, to the praise of His glory. Nothing comes as a surprise to God, and nothing is beyond His ability to save. In fact, often we read in Scripture that God is working in what we consider evil to bring about His greatest good. (Eph 1:3-14; Ps 33:10-11)
- 2) Remember the Gospel of Salvation in Jesus Christ. Jesus died, and was raised again, to take away the sins of the world. Confess your sins, trust in Him for salvation, and rest in His perfect righteousness. (Acts 2:38; Rom 3:23-26)
- 3) Death has no power over those in Christ Jesus. Death has lost its sting, and no believer should fear death. There is nothing that can separate us from God in Jesus Christ, no virus, no power, not even death itself. (1 Cor 15:54-58; Rom 838-39)

Remember in this time of imposed isolation you are not alone. Your brothers and sisters at Lennox Ebenezer are praying for you, and stand ready to help in your time of need. Let us continue to love one another, to pray for one another, and to serve one another in the joy of the Lord.

# **God's Word Is True**

### Psalm 91

- He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
- For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
- He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
- You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

- Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place - the Most High, who is my refuge - no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.
- For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

### 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened - not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

#### Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."