

Thank you for joining us for a time of devotion and prayer. We have so enjoyed conversing with a number of you over the phone, reading your texts, and receiving your emails. I am moved deeply by the connection we all share, being brought together by the Lord Jesus Christ for such a time as this. The Christian bond of love is something that only Christians can have, and that bond of love comes to us straight from God. Yes, this virus can be used of God to bring out the best in us, the best in our friendships one to another, and the desire to help one another in a safe way.

One person I spoke to yesterday is in her 90's. She quarantined herself long before the governor told us to stay home. Her son lives within driving distance. He brings her groceries, knocks on the door, and they speak to each other through the widowed screen door. He leaves the groceries on the porch for her to pick up and to keep herself from being compromised. I bring this up because such acts of love are so appreciated and yes, necessary.

So how are you all getting along with each other? Mandatory family time can bring a stress like none other. It is easy to become short with each other and say things that are better left unsaid. I think it important for all of us to make kind and encouraging statements to one another. The spiritual discipline of Lent, thanking God for how He touches your life, and then expressing that to a family member can and is a healthy thing to do and can change the entire atmosphere in your home. I told my daughter today that she makes the best coffee that I have ever drank. Coming from me that is quite the compliment and I meant it.

I want us to pray together for God's loving Presence to fill our homes and our lives. Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, please flood our homes and our lives with your perfect, supernatural love. Help us to be kind to one another and to treat one another in the same way we wish to be treated. Where hurtful words have been spoken, please help us to forgive each other in the same way that you have forgiven us. May we all offer words that lift up and not tear down. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Please remember. You are loved with an everlasting love and underneath are the everlasting arms.