

Take a  
Moment to  
Pray for  
Peace!



## A Time For Peacemakers

The need to take our role as peacemakers seriously is ongoing and may be even more important during these times. In fact, the need to hone and use our peacemaking skills may have increased since we are

living with unprecedented restrictions on our activities and on our ability to interact with others. We need to continue to pray for the sick and the separated. We need to continue praying for those who may be struggling with too much togetherness and also with those who are feeling isolated. We need to pray for those who are struggling to handle heightened stress during this situation. It is easier to deal with a danger we can see standing in front of us, be it a lightning storm or a threatening person, than to deal with a danger that we cannot see, that we do not know much about, and when we cannot know for sure where it is or how long it will be around. We have a hard time dealing with a threat we do not have any means to stop. We have grown to expect a quick fix for problems and struggle when there is not one. Many people are doing all they can to stay safe and keep others safe. Many are finding creative ways to support each other and hang on to joy – balcony concerts, visits through windows or from across streets, sharing food, sharing art; game play dates on-line, on-line Bible study; but there are some who are becoming angry and resorting to violence – from intentionally coughing on the elderly, to abusive behavior during protests, and even murder. A Michigan man shot and killed a store employee for telling his mother she could not enter the store without a mask.

Peacemaking starts with each of us. We must not let our fears or frustrations get the better of us even though the situation is life threatening in more than one way for many people. We need to be prepared for a long haul. We must join with the people around us and those around the world to find ways to deal with this virus for the good of everyone. We must be especially prepared to help those who are suffering the most physically and economically. We must look to the Lord for support and guidance and be prepared for a long disruption in our lives as we pray for a treatment and hopefully, a vaccine to be found for COVID-19. Lord, help us show our love for each other by doing what is needed to keep everyone safe, and by working together to support each other during these difficult physical and economic times. This is the first task of peacemaking we need right now.

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