

## Daily Prayers During Pandemic by Jan Shafer

Sunday - All those who are ill & those who are grieving loss; those who are at high risk. Clergy & laity who are offering encouragement, comfort & hope in the Lord. Missionaries and ministries around the globe. That more people will come to Christ & more will come to know the power of prayer. Thanks for: the countless workers & volunteers who are serving on the front lines of the crisis, risking their own health; all those sharing the love of Christ & serving in His name; all those who are taking this crisis seriously and taking necessary measures to protect others even if it means making a sacrifice.

Monday - All the health care workers: doctors, nurses, assistants, respiratory therapists, medical center administrators, clerks, pharmacists & techs; testing & lab techs; the World Health Organization (WHO), The Center for Disease Control (CDC), Federal Drug Administration (FDA); scientists & researchers. Organizations such as The Red Cross & Samaritans Purse. All their families. Thanks for: all those working to treat & care for the sick & dying, those working for a treatment & a vaccine; all those working to help produce & supply much needed protective gear, equipment and medicine.

Tuesday - Our President; Government Officials at Federal, State & local levels; world leaders. Our military & police. Journalists, reporters, news papers, postal workers & carriers. Thanks for our country & our leaders. Thanks for the communication options that are available today and those that are working hard to keep us updated, to get us the information we need for the situation and for ways we can help. Thanks for those who are following the recommended protocol to slow progression and prevent exposing more people to the virus.

Wednesday - First Responders: Fire & Rescue & FEMA, all dealing with emergencies in addition to this pandemic. All those who provide transportation. Employees at our nursing homes, special care facilities & retirement communities; For friends & neighbors locally, in the US and around the world. Thanks for all those who come to our aid when we call and for those who offer what they have for the benefit of all. For all those making efforts to keep us connected; all those who are checking in with and trying to meet needs of neighbors & friends, especially the elderly or those who live alone.

Thursday - The homeless & those at higher risk (elderly, those with other health issues & those undergoing chemo or other treatments); veterans; those in prison. The shelters & agencies that must close their doors in order to try to protect those they serve. Those around the world, who don't have access to the water, supplies or medical care that we have in the USA. Those trying to recover from natural disasters during this time. Thanks for The Salvation Army, Mercy House, Our Community Place, Open Doors, etc. Thanks for those organizations & individuals who continue to help feed & shelter the homeless and minister to the prisoners. Thanks for those trying to develop & provide hand washing stations & teaching those on the streets about the safety protocols.

Friday - Food suppliers: growers, processors & delivery drivers; Grocery store & restaurant owners, employees & delivery persons; truck drivers; those who help to provide us with electricity, gas, heating & air, phone, cable, internet, water. Sanitation & cleaning crews. Where would we be without them? Hotels & other businesses offering buildings, beds & other supplies for medical use. Beauticians, barbers, massage therapists. Thanks for all those who continue working to provide & meet our needs and for all those businesses & individuals who are offering help & support to them as they do their jobs.

Saturday - Our children & our families. Students, teachers and education systems. Day care workers. All those who are facing lay offs, loss of income, benefits & insurance coverage; Those already struggling to make ends meet; who don't qualify for unemployment. Businesses who must shut down & wonder if they can recover. Those living in uncertainty & fear, in hopelessness. Thanks for God's presence, His provisions, His promises, His faithfulness. Thanks for all the folks who step out in faith & with courage to share their God given gifts & talents to help in every area and for those who find ways to offer comfort, hope & healing in every situation.