

## **March 19, 2020 ~Crying Out for God's Protection and Provisions~**

Father God, in all our thoughts and our imaginings, we could never have known how quickly everything that's normal to us might change. We look to you today for our strength. We seek your protection and provisions. We ask that you'd help us resist taking more than we need and lead our hearts to share what you've given us. We seek your wisdom for our choices to be obedient and to follow safe guidelines because we have always been free to go where we pleased at a time of our own choosing

We ask you to protect all those serving you in healthcare who are testing for and treating patients with the coronavirus. We especially pray for the most critical people struggling with pneumonia in hospitals, but our prayers are also for those who are in their homes knowing that they, too, could become critical.

Father protect our families, our church family, and our friends. Protect those who are fighting other battles with cancer and chronic conditions from exposure. Protect our first responders, our military personnel, and people all across America and around the world. We especially lift up the leaders of our country, the scientists, and the team coordinating what little is known and what more they're trying to learn about something so new that no one has immunity. Guide them, unify them, and focus their eyes, thoughts, and hearts on the people depending on their right choices.

You alone are our Almighty God. We turn to you because this is way too big for us, but nothing is too big for you. Give our hearts and minds a desire to spend time with you, to pray and read Your Word, and to lay our fears at your feet. Today more than ever before, we truly understand those in scripture who cried out to you, for we now cry out to you, knowing that you hear all our prayers lifted up in Jesus's Precious Name. Amen.