March 22, 2020 "Praying for God's Healthcare Warriors"

Lord God, you are the great physician. Lord Jesus, you healed the blind and gave hearing to the deaf. Your power and love healed the skin of the leper, restored mobility, and gave freedom from infirmity to the woman who believed in you.

Today there are men and women all around this world who are tired, weary, and yet so determined to step out of safe confinement at home with their families to touch, treat, and comfort patients in hospitals, clinics, and care facilities who are suffering and dying. Thank you for giving these courageous physicians and nurses the wisdom and compassionate love to be like Jesus. Thank you for the provision of all medical professionals who desired to choose to be doctors and nurses, patient care assistants, therapists, pharmacists, and the diagnostic and laboratory technicians. The chaplains, the housekeeping workers, the medical transport and first responders, the cooks, and the maintenance teams are also on the front line of fighting the coronavirus. They share the risks and exhaustion of working day and night to help care for the emotional and physical needs of your people as all battle to heal and save lives.

- -We lift up prayers asking that you protect all healthcare workers from contracting the coronavirus.
- -We know your power and guidance in people can make the impossible possible. Intervene and hasten the production and provision of protective masks, gowns, shields, gloves, and shoe covers they need immediately.
- -Use the Spirit in your children, the ones you chose to be your hands at such a time as this, to make the difficult decisions you would have them make.
- -God, place in our hearts the desire to pray for all your healthcare workers, not just right now, but for as long as they need our prayers.
- -Lord, override our foolish choices that might add us to their patient load.
- -Please open the eyes of parents who have authority over their children and teenagers. Give parents or guardians the boldness to make and enforce a strict, stay at home rule to protect their children from exposure to the viruses and the danger of sharing the virus.
- -By the hour, more and more of your people become a patient. Father God, reach into the minds and thinking of all people in our neighborhoods, cities, state, nation, and the world. Use your power to replace stubborn denial with this undeniable conviction; conviction that NO ONE is immune to coronavirus, and

EVERYONE is responsible to be a warrior determined to stop its spread of infection.

We lift up our prayers and ask in Jesus's name that you would protect and provide for all healthcare workers and bring everyone of us into understanding that if we don't have a submissive and cooperative attitude, we will be contributing to this pandemic.

Amen.