

March 23, 2020 ~Affirming God's Promise When We Are Fearful~

“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” Deuteronomy 31:8

Lord God, when obedient Moses gave Joshua authority over the Israelites, he gave your promise to them. It's become our forever promise. You are a promise keeper, yet all of us, in human weakness, feel fearful and anxious when facing our present, unknown circumstances. Father, you know what's in our hearts and in our minds today even though we are a faithful family of believers. We lift up our prayers, knowing that you always hear us when we talk to you.

Help us, Lord, to to serve in the unexpected time we now have apart from our usual busy-ness. As we wait for promising news about a treatment, a downward trend, and healing of all your people, we remember the promise of your presence with us.

Guide us to a quiet place where you are already waiting. Seal off our minds from distraction, and open them to the Holy Spirit, Father God.

Give us words to pray and patience in waiting, listening, and discerning what you would have us do for you and with you to lift up and encourage not only ourselves in doing your will, but also someone else who needs encouraging.

~Remind us of those who are at risk and unable to leave their homes or apartments.

~Prompt us to call a member of our church or our own family, a neighbor, or a friend who might be lonely, grieving, or struggling with loss of the wages they need.

~Give us words and confidence to pray for each other and with each other though we are not gathered in our church building.

~Fill our prayers with thankful praises for the researchers, healthcare workers, and all who support the afflicted and with prayer petitions for protective coverings, protection from infection, strength, and courage when those taking care of patients feel defeated.

~Bring into our minds prayers for progress in treatment, many more places for treatment, and medical equipment for those needing respiratory intervention to sustain life.

Sovereign God, when your people have been asked by their leaders to cooperate for the good of all, we ask for your supernatural power to bring our elected leaders together in cooperative unity for the good of all American workers needing relief now.

Lord God, we cling to the promise you made to your people so long ago. We know that each one of us belongs to you now on this side of Heaven, and we will belong to you forever in eternity. We ask in Jesus's name for our own desire and obedience to find you in a quiet place and offer up prayers to you. In your presence, God, we find comfort, we are not fearful, and our discouraged hearts find assurance and the peace we all need now and in the days to come. Amen.