THE SPIRIT OF ST JOHN

PRAYER DURING THIS PANDEMIC

1. For the sick and infected: God, heal and help. Sustain bodies and spirits. Contain the spread of infection.

2. For our vulnerable populations: God, protect our elderly and those suffering from chronic disease. Provide for the poor, especially the uninsured.

3. For the young and the strong: God, give them the necessary caution to keep them from unwittingly spreading this disease. Inspire them to help.

4. For our local, state, and federal governments: God, help our elected officials as they allocate the necessary resources for combating this pandemic. Help them to provide more tests.

5. For our scientific community, leading the charge to understand the disease and communicate its gravity: God, give them knowledge, wisdom, and a persuasive voice.

6. For the media, committed to providing up-to-date information: God, help them to communicate with appropriate seriousness without causing panic.

7. For consumers of media, looking to be well-informed: God, help us find the most helpful local information to equip us to be good neighbors. Keep us from anxiety and panic, and enable us to implement the recommended strategies, even at a cost to ourselves.

8. For those with mental health challenges who feel isolated, anxious, and helpless: God, provide them every necessary support.

9. For the homeless, unable to practice the protocols of social distancing in the shelter system: Protect them from disease, and provide isolation shelters in every city.

10. For international travelers stuck in foreign countries: God, help them return home safely and quickly.

11. For Christian missionaries throughout the world, especially in areas with high rates of infection: God, provide them with words of hope, and equip them to love and serve those around them.

12. For workers in a variety of industries facing layoffs and financial hardship: God, keep them from panic, and inspire your church to generously support them.

13. For families with young children at home for the foreseeable future: God, help mothers and fathers to partner together creatively for the care and flourishing of their children. For single mothers and fathers, grow their networks of support.

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PRAY FOR ALL MEDICAL STAFF, FARMERS, TRUCKERS, FIRST RESPONDERS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AND FOR OUR COUNTRY

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APRIL

6	ANDY GILBERT
6	VINCENT WISECARVER
9	AMY ANDERSON
9	LINDA WOLF
11	AMBER STEPHENS
16	DICK BEHRENS
18	KALEE ANDERSON
18	JACK TISONE
22	KADEN ANDERSON
24	KIM FANSLER
27	RUTH BIGLER
30	CLINT STICKDORN

SECRRET SISTER REVEAL TEA

ON HOLD

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

NONE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL

GIRL'S LUNCH BUNCH

NONE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL

PRAYER SHAWL

We have a Prayer Shawl Ministry here at St John's. If you know of anyone that could use a little pick me up or isn't feeling well, please let Marianne Daily or Jessica Kotlarek know and we will be sure to get a shawl to them.

UPDATE FROM LSS

Powers, Benjamin <BPowers@lssnetworkofhope.org>
to Benjamin, Roberta

Good Morning LSS Partners,

In an effort to keep you up to date, I wanted to share with you again this week, our on-going response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please take a few moments to read about the difficult decisions we have had to make as we balance the need to keep people safe while still provide critical services to those who rely on our LSS Network of Hope for food, shelter and safety.

In order to adhere to our Governor's and health official's guidelines and recommendations to help minimize the spread of COVID-19, **we have suspended volunteerism at our Faith Mission and CHOICES shelter sites through April 6th.** This decision was made in the best interest of those that we serve as well as our volunteers and staff. We appreciate your dedication to LSS Faith Mission and LSS CHOICES and hope that you will continue to support our programs in other ways.

LSS Faith Mission

- The Community Kitchen at Faith Mission is temporarily closed to the public. Shelter residents are now receiving all meals in the dorms. (To donate your scheduled meals at Faith Mission please contact Mollie Vrable at 614-598-1209)
- The Health Center at Faith Mission is seeing patients via tele-medicine only; no walk-ins.
- At Faith Mission of Fairfield County, with no day area at the shelter and limited public spaces open, we have erected a large outdoor tent with heating to help provide shelter for our clients during the day.

LSS CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence

- All community-based programming has been temporarily suspended.
- The number of people allowed in the shelter's dining room at one time has been reduced to allow for recommended personal distancing among our residents.
- Because schools are closed, additional programming and activities have been added to better accommodate the children in our shelter. We are also in the process of hiring two part-time child-care staff.
- Our partners at Columbus Humane relocated all pets in the kennel at CHOICES to their facility to allow their staff to care for them at Columbus Humane.

LSS Food Pantries

- We consolidated our Franklin County food distributions to our Champion Avenue Food Pantry because the Glenwood Community Center was closed by the city.
- To minimize contact among clients, staff and volunteers, food is being prepacked for safe and quick distribution.
- Distributions at Champion and in Delaware have been moved outside with a limited number of people moving through at any given time. In Lancaster, prepacked boxes are delivered to clients' cars.

How you can help

We understand that everyone is dealing with their own unique set of hardships during this trying time. If you are in a position to do so, there are ways you can help your LSS Network of Hope continue to fulfill our mission of serving people in need.

- ***Make a financial contribution by going to www.lssnetworkofhope.org/donate.***

- **Volunteer at our LSS Food Pantries Champion site** (please refrain if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, have been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, have traveled to high risk areas, have underlying health conditions, or are part of a high risk population). Click here to view our VolunteerHub page.
- Purchase our most-needed items from our Amazon Wishlist to support clients in and out of shelter. Please click here to access our wishlists.
- Open hours at our donation center located at 217 N. Grant will be suspended until further notice to divert staff to critical services. To schedule a drop off of most-needed items, please contact Mollie Vrable at 614-598-1209.
- Keep informed by going to www.lssnetworkofhope.org and by following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

2019 Annual Report

Our 2019 Annual Report is now available on our website. In these challenging times, I hope you are inspired by the stories in our annual report and share in the joy that comes from helping others. We are so grateful that you share our passion for serving those in need. We simply wouldn't be able to provide our services without your committed support!

Thank you for *your* support! Despite these difficult circumstances, ***because of you***, we continue to have hope as we provide life-saving services for our neighbors in need. Your support makes our services possible, and we are so grateful for you! We pray for your health and safety.

Grace and peace,

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COFFEE & CONVERSATION CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

These are trying times, and to some financial difficulties. The church is no different, we still have bills to pay, so if you are able and wish to continue your weekly/monthly contribution to the church you can mail your envelop/contribution to the church at:

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PO Box 206
Lithopolis, OH 43136

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