



A Prayer for September 1, 2020

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Father in Heaven. We are so thankful for your Presence in our lives. We are going through an experience this year that few of us alive have ever been through before. It is great that the joy we have in our relationship to Christ keeps us in Peace and wondrously conscious of Your closeness to us.

One of the hardest things to see was the medical difficulties that big cities have had. It was amazing to see doctors and nurses go to New York City from other states to help with all the people that had to go to the hospital. Some of the Doctors and Nurses contracted the Covid-19 virus and gave up their lives saving other people and reminded us of the greatness of the Lord's sacrifice for us.

We have a distance to go in this virus season. We are thankful for our leaders here in Westminster who have to make difficult judgments about the thousands of people under their charge. Help them have good judgment. Give them wisdom for the benefit of the elderly they supervise and the staff who serve. The ones among us that need your hand especially in their lives are friends and acquaintances that have their spouses in the Health Center or Assisted Living areas where spouses can't even see each other and hold each other's hand in sickness because of the possibility of carrying this disease to them. Please encourage these folks Lord. This is a big sacrifice for them. A big difficulty. You have made us as people who need people. Our country and world is suffering. Please help someone find a cure for this virus soon. Also, especially help all people all over the world to value life and the life to come. May we all learn the value of learning from suffering and treasure the full eternal life that Jesus promised to all who believe in Christ and follow Him in their daily lives.

Thank you, Father, for sending your Son in to the world to help us know you better. We are reminded of the truths we have found in the Scriptures where Jesus describes what He is really like and gives us such hope for today and our future. The "I am" statements of Jesus speak volumes to our deep human needs. In John 6:35 Jesus described himself this way, "I am the bread of life. The one who comes to me will never go hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty." In John 8:12, He said, "I am the light of the world! The one who follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Also, after describing His disciples as sheep in John 10: 9-10, he said, "I am the door. If anyone enters through me, he will be saved, and will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life and may have it abundantly." Finally, just this one statement that Jesus spoke at cemetery, before He raised Lazarus from the grave in John 11:25-26. "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even if he dies, and the one who lives and believes in me will never die."

Lord, I commit our families, friends, and neighbors to you for your help in their lives. Be gracious to our Westminster residents and staff as well as to the people of Florida, to our country and to the whole world.

In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.