

pbb. WHERE YOU ARE (VIRTUAL)

July 18, 2020 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am



GATHER

Find an appropriate place that enables you to spend some time in prayer and reflection--you may stay in one location or walk around the community you are in, open to prayer and observation of your surroundings. Follow social distancing / mask / safety guidelines, and join us virtually on Zoom.

UNDERSTAND

In light of all that is happening related to COVID-19, climate change, conflict and refugee migration, protests against systemic injustice, and uncertainty in the global economy, **let us respond with hope and trust in the One who has all things under His control.** For this second virtual pbb, we will continue to pray in solidarity wherever we are. Let us pray for all those who are in our midst and afar - families, schools, hospitals, communities, cities, and indeed the world. Consider those in your neighborhood, and how faithful prayer can be a sign of peace and comfort to others.

READ

Psalms 130

- 1 LORD, I am in deep trouble,
so I am calling to you for help.
- 2 My Lord, listen to me.
Listen to my cry for help.
- 3 LORD, if you punished people for all their sins,
no one would be left alive.
- 4 But you forgive people,
so they fear and respect you.
- 5 I am waiting for the LORD to help me.
My soul waits for him.
I trust what he says.
- 6 I am waiting for my Lord,
like a guard waiting and waiting for the morning
to come.
- 7 Israel, trust in the LORD.
The LORD is the one who is faithful and true.
He saves us again and again,
- 8 and he is the one who will save the people of
Israel from all their sins.

2 Peter 3:13

- 13 But we wait for what God has promised: new
heavens and a new earth, where righteousness
will be at home.

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RESPOND

As you consider current events and your community, what resonates with you from this Scripture passage?

PRAY

1. Families

We praise God for our families and we pray for those in our communities impacted by COVID-19. Pray especially as they may face additional challenges because of poverty, under- or unemployment, rising costs of living, lack of health insurance, single-parent households, abusive environments, and housing instability. Please pray for collaboration between households, non-profit organizations, churches and the government to develop measures to address and care for families facing such concerns.

2. Workplaces

We give thanks for the places where we work. May they be contexts where our gifts, talents, and experiences are used for the greater good and the benefit of others. Pray for those who are able to work remotely during this time of uncertainty, and for those whose jobs don't allow them this freedom. Pray especially for those on the front lines, working in healthcare as they support those who are sick and other essential workers.

3. Schools

We pray for students, families, teachers, and staff to receive appropriate resources and adequate support, as they make plans for the fall start to the new school year. We pray for the situation in NYC and beyond, where public schools also serve to support social services through provision of free meals and in other areas. We pray especially for students in homeless shelters who may lack adequate access to the Internet and technology to support remote learning.

4. Government

We remember with thanksgiving and pray for those who work in all areas and branches of government. Pray for wisdom, understanding and love for the people they serve as they govern the city, state, and nation. Pray especially for wise and discerning leadership in this moment, for timely communication and effective mobilization and coordination of necessary resources.

5. Communities

We pray that families, churches, community boards, businesses, and city agencies will collaborate to bring about lasting and wholesome changes within the city. Pray that our communities will be places of God's shalom, and compassion and care for our neighbors will characterize our response to this pandemic.

6. The Church

We are thankful for the body of Christ in New York City. May our churches be places of peace, hope, and comfort to our neighbors and communities. Pray for our leaders and ministers as they respond to concerns and point people to the Hope we have in Christ. Pray for the ways that the Church can support the vulnerable and marginalized who are particularly impacted.

SHARE

As you pray, connect with us over Zoom or on our [Facebook](#) page — share a photo of where you're praying from, or share a prayer item! Remember to include #CSNYpbb or #pbbwhereyouare.