

# **How To Make A Difference During This Crisis**

## Have a Daily Time of Prayer

During this crisis one of the most powerful ways to serve our neighbor is to pray. God's people united in prayer and strong in our faith stand united against this disease and the impact it is having on our community, country, and world. So let's be the church on our knees (or sitting) in prayer.

Daily Pray for the following:

- Healthcare workers: doctors, nurses, techs, support staff, EMT's
- Government officials: on the national, state, and local levels
- Spiritual Leaders: your pastor; church council, volunteers
- Displaced Workers: everyone who is working from home, furloughed; or now out of work
- Infected by the Disease: that they would be ok and have a full recovery
- Business Owners: who potentially may have to cut employees, scale back, or worse close altogether
- God's peace and healing: with anxiety levels and stress levels at a heightened sense we need the peace that passes all understanding

## Call 3 People a Day

With so many people at home and unable to go to work, church, the gym or engaging in social interactions the need for community is going to be overwhelming. So each day I want to encourage you to pick up the phone and call someone. Ask them how are they doing? Ask them is everything ok? Ask them if they need anything? But most of all just be a friend. It could be...

- A family member
- A neighbor
- A friend
- A co-worker
- A church member

### Offer to help your neighbors

If you have neighbors there is no better time than now to check in on them. You may even find-out something you didn't know. When you go to your neighbor (staying a safe distance away)...

- Introduce yourself if they don't know you already
- Ask them how they are holding up
- Ask them if they need help with anything, like running an errand especially if you are young and they are older (they may ask you the same thing)
- Ask them if you can pray for them

### Donate to Our Local Help Center

The need to keep our shelves stocked at the food bank is more important than ever. We are going to see more and more people come for assistance. That is true for the Help Center also. If you would like more information on how to help, contact Pastor Chris or Mary Gates.

### Write Letters or Cards or Send Care Packages to Nursing Home Patients

Every nursing home, rehab facility, and assisted living center is closed to visitors. So one thing you can do is send care packages or letters to friends, family members, or neighbors in one of these facilities.

### Watch Our Worship Services

It's going to be so important to join together and stay connected as the body of Christ even when we can't be physically present with one another. So please take the time on Sunday and on Wednesday to worship with your household. We will work to get the service uploaded by the time of service. 10:30 on Sunday and 7:00 on Wednesday. Thank you so much Josh Phillips!