





# Praying the Headlines

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*"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve." —James 5:16*



Let us pray.

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*May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed!  
On account of his vast mercy, he has given us new birth.  
You have been born anew into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.  
You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish  
—an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you.  
Through his faithfulness, you are guarded by God’s power  
so that you can receive the salvation he is ready to reveal in the last time.  
You now rejoice in this hope,  
even if it’s necessary for you to be distressed  
for a short time by various trials.*

*1 Peter 1:3-6*







*Merciful God,  
in you we have living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
and yet we are conscious of the collective weight  
the daily news imposes upon us.  
As we pray the headlines today,  
we may be moved from gratitude to sadness, from laughter to tears—  
and we know it's okay.  
Thank you for loving us just the way we are.  
Thank you for meeting us right where we are.  
Lord, hear our prayers now  
and lead us in the way everlasting.*





We pray for the world.



# Deadly Easter storms slice through South



Chattanooga, Tenn., was caught in the path of the storm system Sunday night. CAITIE MCMERIN/USA TODAY NETWORK

At least 30 killed as system races through East: 'It roared and roared'



At least 13 confirmed tornadoes blasted through Louisiana and into areas around the town of Soso, Miss. CAM BONELLI/USA TODAY NETWORK

"As we reflect on the death and resurrection on this Easter Sunday, we have faith that we will all rise together."

Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves

Susan Miller and Doyle Rice  
USA TODAY

Ferocious winds walloped the East Coast on Monday after a harrowing Easter night that saw people huddled in basements, closets and tubs as tornadoes raged across the South, leaving at least 30 dead.

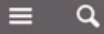
It's the nation's deadliest tornado outbreak in six years, since April 2014, when 35 people were killed in the central and southern U.S., the Storm Prediction Center said.

Destructive winds were reported across the East on Monday, the Weather Channel said, a day after at least 40 tornadoes pounded several states.

Calmer weather is forecast across much of the country for Tuesday, with only a slight chance of severe storms in a small area in the South. On Tuesday, as cleanup continues in the hardest-hit areas of the South, "thunderstorms capable of isolated severe wind gusts and hail are expected to develop across parts of southern Georgia and Florida,"

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The New York Times

# 'It's a Time Bomb': 23 Die as Virus Hits Packed Homeless Shelters

The virus is spreading where social distancing is nearly impossible. But there's no staying at home when you do not have one.





# How the spread of coronavirus is testing Africa

By Mike Onyiego  
BBC News

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Coronavirus pandemic



A hospital in Kenya's capital, Nairobi, has been constructing new beds anticipating a rise in coronavirus cases

**Africa has passed the grim milestone of 10,000 reported cases of coronavirus, along with more than 500 deaths, according to the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (ACDC).**

As the daily number of new infections appears to be falling in parts of the world, some fear the epicentre of the virus could move to the continent.





We pray for the Church.



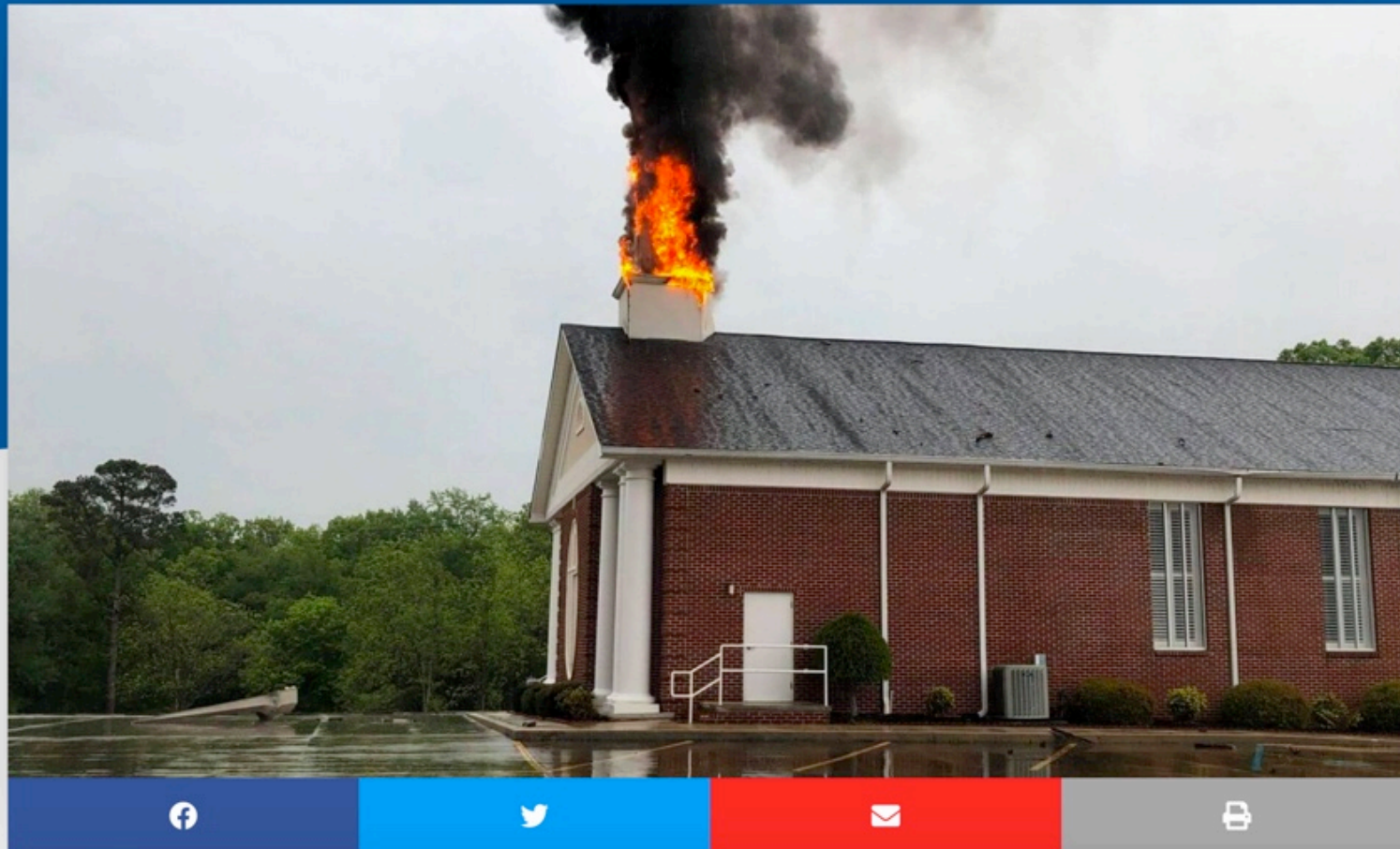
# Churches and charities struggle amid coronavirus shutdown





# Churches Damaged In Easter Storms

Alabama Baptist SBOM April 13, 2020





# Easter Reminds Us We Can Face Suffering with Joy and Faith

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**Rev. Joseph D'Souza** | *Founder of Dignity Freedom Network* | Thursday, April 9, 2020





We pray for the helpers.





Employees with the Indiana Department of Health, with the Vanderburgh County Health Department, conduct free COVID-19 testing for "essential" workers in the parking of the C.K. Newsome Center. PHOTOS BY MACABE BROWN/COURIER & PRESS

# Drive-up testing starts for 'essential' workers

Includes first responders, health care workers, more

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USA TODAY NETWORK

Drive-up coronavirus testing for local residents whose jobs are considered essential started Monday at C.K. Newsome Center, 100 Walnut St., and will last through Friday.

The free testing, conducted by the Indiana Department of Health in partnership with the Vanderburgh County Health Department and other agencies, is for first responders, health care workers, grocery employees and others meeting the "essential" definition as set in March by Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb.

A catch: Those who get tested must first show symptoms for COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus.



An employee with the Indiana Department of Health conducts free COVID-19 testing for "essential" workers.

The most common symptoms are fever, cough and difficulty breathing, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Tests are not given to people who are asymptomatic.

Members of the Indiana National Guard are on-site helping with security

and directing people through the lines, while the Indiana Department of Transportation is helping with barricades and traffic flow.

A short line of vehicles had formed at the C.K. Newsome Center as of 10 a.m. Monday.

"We are trying to coordinate with local agencies and get the word out," said Joe Gries, administrator of the Vanderburgh County Health Department.

Testing will continue from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day through Friday.

The 22 members of the Indiana National Guard assisting at the site are with the Evansville-based 163rd Field Artillery unit.

"We are providing logistical support to the Indiana State Department of Health," said 1st Lt. Jason Eagleson, who grew up in Newburgh, attended

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# More Than 40 Grocery Workers Have Died From COVID-19

*By Nikita Richardson*



Photo: Smith Collection/Gado/Getty Images

As the coronavirus outbreak continues to kill thousands across the United States, grocery workers are becoming increasingly nervous about putting their lives on the line as essential workers.



# Hong Kong doctor reunites with wife and new baby after work with coronavirus 'dirty team'

"We are quite overwhelmed with all the parenting stuff, but I guess that's normal," Dr. Alfred Wong told NBC News.



*we are quite overwhelmed with all the parenting things*





We pray for our community.







Greg McGinnis, right, wears a medical mask over his nose and mouth as he waits to catch a bus along Market Street in Louisville, Ky. "I have dialysis so my immune system is really low," McGinnis said. "To me, it's kind of like the flu, if you're going to die, you're going to die, but I don't want to die." ALTON STRUPPY/COURIER JOURNAL

# African Americans face higher risk from COVID-19

Blacks make up 37% of cases in Alabama, 55% of deaths

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When news of the coronavirus' rapid spread began to seize the American public's attention, social media was flooded with theories and conspiracies. One particularly hollow rumor was that black people were somehow immune to COVID-19.

In a span of mere weeks, emerging data gleaned from cities and states hit hard by the virus has shown that misguided speculation could not be further from the truth. In places where racial and ethnic figures have been collected — there are less than a handful yet — African Americans make up an unsettling majority of hospitalizations and deaths due to coronavirus.

And some experts say it should come as no surprise, given the gaps that exist in wealth, health and equity between black and white Americans.

On April 7, the Alabama Department of Public Health released its demo-



Demographic data on COVID-19 infections and deaths released by the Alabama Department of Health on April 7 show the virus is disproportionately impacting black Americans. G-STOCKSTUDIO/GETTY IMAGES

began testing on March 5. Its findings now show that black people make up about 37% of confirmed cases and 55% of deaths, despite amounting to only 27% of Alabama's population.

70% of reported COVID-19 deaths have been African Americans, though they only represent about 33% of the state's population.

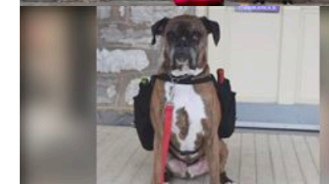






## SHOCK TO THE FOOD SUPPLY

INSIDE LOOK AT HOW FARMERS ARE STRUGGLING WITH SURPLUS



### FOOD

Farmers struggle with surplus crops  
amid coronavirus outbreak

In one of the many heartbreaking ripple effects of the coronavirus pandemic, crops of corn, squash, green beans, blueberries and more are going to waste across the country. The reason: closed restaurants and schools. Kerry Sanders reports for TODAY from a farm in southern Florida.







Photo by Jared Daniel Bailey.

**Middle cross remains standing at church after storms in central Alabama**





We now invite you to offer your  
personal prayer requests to the Lord.





*Merciful God,  
our unfailing, living hope:  
we rest in you.*

*We are guarded by your faithful power,  
therefore we rejoice with great hope  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forevermore.*

*Amen*



Go in peace.

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*“Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good,  
because his faithful love endures forever.”*

—Psalm 107:1



