





Praying the Headlines

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



Let us pray.



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*How long will you forget me, LORD? Forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long will I be left to my own wits,
agony filling my heart? Daily?*

*But I have trusted in your faithful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
Yes, I will sing to the LORD
because he has been good to me.*

Psalms 13:1-2, 5-6





*O LORD,
Our hearts are heavy,
Our bodies are tired,
Our minds are confused
as we continue to see such suffering all around;
We cry "How long?"
as we hold fast to the faithful love
with which you hold faithfully to us.*





We pray for the world.



CORONAVIRUS

Coronavirus headlines: Pandemic could threaten global food supply, UN warns



by: [Natasha Anderson, Associated Press](#)

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More than 2,000 gather in Olympia, Wash., on Sunday to protest the state's stay-at-home order. Governors say they need help to secure vital testing components before they are ready to lift restrictions, putting the onus on the federal government. Story, A4

As protests grow, a social media push

Fears of hunger trigger new misery and unrest among the world's poor

BY LAZ SLY

BEIRUT — As more than half the people in the world hunker down under some form of enforced confinement, stirrings of political and social unrest are pointing to a new, potentially turbulent phase in the global effort to stem the coronavirus pandemic.

Already, protests spurred by the collapse of economic activity have erupted in scattered locations around the world. Tens of thousands of migrant laborers

stranded without work or a way home staged demonstrations last week in the Indian city of Mumbai, crowding together in defiance of social distancing rules.

In locked-down Lebanon, which was confronting financial collapse even before the coronavirus paralyzed the economy, angry people have swarmed onto the streets in Beirut and the northern city of Tripoli on at least three occasions. In Iraq, where a six-month-old protest movement

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Pro-gun activists are using Facebook groups to oppose quarantine rules

BY ISAAC STANLEY-BECKER
AND TONY ROMM

A trio of far-right, pro-gun provocateurs is behind some of the largest Facebook groups calling for anti-quarantine protests across the country, offering the latest illustration that some seemingly organic demonstrations are being engineered by a network of conservative activists.

The Facebook groups target Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, and they appear to

be the work of Ben Doer, the political director of a group called Minnesota Gun Rights, and his siblings, Christopher and Aaron. By Sunday, the groups had more than 200,000 members combined, and they continued to expand quickly, days after President Trump endorsed such protests by suggesting citizens should "liberate" their states.

The Doer brothers manage a slew of pro-gun groups across a wide range of states, from Iowa to

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Majority of young people say they feel anxious

Most are optimistic that society will change for the better when crisis subsides

CARL O'BRIEN
Education Editor

More than half of young people say they are feeling anxious, stressed or depressed due to the coronavirus pandemic, new research indicates.

However, most are optimistic society will change for the better, and are staying in regular contact with their friends by phone or online, according to a survey of almost 800 people aged 16 to 19.

The online poll, carried out by Amárach Research on behalf of Young Social Innovators this month, also indicates most young people are practising social distancing measures.

The majority (94 per cent) of young people have stopped going out to meet friends. Most are keeping at least 2 metres apart from people when in public, and practise handwashing and proper coughing hygiene.

There is a strong interest among young people in helping

their community, with just over half of those surveyed wanting to help or already helping.

Sarah Rooney, associate director of Amárach Research, said young people who are optimistic that society will change for the better hope wider society will re-evaluate life, and appreciate that which may have been taken for granted.

"They are also aware of communities coming together and hope this will continue, as well as the positive environmental impact of the economic shutdown."

However, among those (32 per cent) who think society will change for the worse, 40 per cent worry about a recession.

Young Social Innovators

chief executive Rachel Collier said it was important to understand how young people were coping in such uncertainty.

"We are encouraged by the level of awareness among young people, their interest in staying informed, their knowledge of Government guidelines, and their high levels of commitment to following these, all of which suggests they are playing their part in the national effort, and know what is expected of them to do so," said Mr Rooney.

"While we are buoyed that many young people are remaining positive amidst the emergency, we must acknowledge the many others who may not be managing as well."

She asked that parents and relations check up on young people in their lives by phone or email, and offer a listening ear to any worries or frustrations.

Positive difference

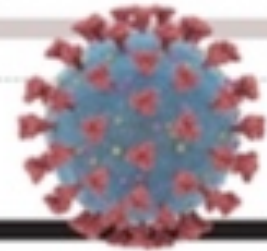
Ms Collier said the strong interest among young people in helping their communities reflected other findings which indicate that "Generation Z" is keen to make a positive difference in the world.

"Such contribution and participation should be encouraged and enabled as we collectively deal with and begin to emerge from this crisis to rebuild our country," she said. "Any discussions of the kind of world we wish to live in after

this crisis must include young people's perspectives.

"We must also listen to young people's anxieties concerning a potential economic downturn, appreciating that it will likely be the second recession they have lived through, and be cognisant of the strain this may put on them and their families."

In response to the findings, Young Social Innovators is launching an "open call to teenagers" to submit ideas on how to tackle the problems. Those whose ideas have most potential for impact will be given the opportunity to pitch to a panel of leaders from businesses, non-governmental organisations and government.



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The **Boxes of Hope** project is billed as a “tangible way to stretch out a hand to those that are affected either through illness, quarantine, or just the uncertainty of this time” and offers boxes of much-needed supplies to those in need; boxes that are delivered right to their door by an army of dedicated volunteers.





We pray for the helpers.



Unsung heroes of coronavirus pandemic: COVID-19 Cleaning Crews



Unsung heroes of coronavirus pandemic: COVID-19 Cleaning Crews

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By: [Meghan Moriarty](#)

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — PuroClean Emergency Services is already receiving calls to decontaminate workplaces across Jacksonville due to COVID-19.



Truckers hailed as 'road heroes', 'backbone of this country' during coronavirus pandemic

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Juggling many tasks

Local mothers adjust to adding the job of teacher

BY SARA PALCZEWSKI
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Many mothers in Lee County are having to transition to the role of being a schoolteacher to their children since local schools closed their doors due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Some are trying to find the balance working from home while teaching and caring for their children, including Opelika High School biology teacher Kathryn McGraw.

"It's been different and challenging," she said. "We have to kind of figure out a balance where I can get my stuff done as far as online teaching ... and then also make sure my child's taken care of and making sure that he's learning the things that he'll need to get ready to go to kindergarten."

McGraw is charged with not only teaching her ninth-grade biology students but also caring for and teaching her 5-year-old son.

"I'm a science teacher," she joked. "I'm not like an elementary teacher."

Meanwhile, Auburn native Leslie Moore faces a similar challenge; however, she is tasked with homeschooling her five children, who are at all different levels of education.

"My hardest thing has been finding activities for my 4-year-old and especially my 2-year-old," she explained. "That's been my biggest challenge is



SUBMITTED BY LESLIE MOORE

Leslie Moore turned her children's playroom into a classroom. The former elementary teacher wanted to create a space for her children where they could focus on school.

just making sure that each kid is individually getting what they need academically but that the little ones are entertained as well."

Although a current stay-at-home mom and fitness instructor, Moore is a former schoolteacher, something that has become very useful during

this time.

"Thankfully, I used to be a schoolteacher," Moore said. "So that definitely is helpful on my end as far as transitioning into being a teacher because I've done it before."

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We pray for our community.



Meet the people who are giving away their \$1,200 stimulus checks: 'It's not really my money, it's our money'

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By [Leslie Albrecht](#)

A record number of Americans are out of work, but a lucky few say they don't need their stimulus money and will give it to good causes



Physical Therapy Department Helps Classmate Caring for Parents with COVID-19

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On Friday, March 27, [Matthew Ford](#), professor and chair of the [Department of Physical Therapy](#), learned that one of his students was quarantined at home helping care for both of her parents who had contracted COVID-19. By Saturday morning, he was driving 3.5 hours to deliver needed supplies to the student and her family.

Although neither the student nor her sister had shown any symptoms, they were unable to go to the store to

get groceries due to their probability of exposure. In addition, the few stores in their small, rural town had been completely sold out of disinfectant supplies for weeks; a necessity for the student to try to keep herself and her sister from contracting the virus.

Ford didn't hesitate, he offered to collect supplies in Birmingham and deliver them to the family. Within less than 24 hours, students from cohorts throughout the Department of Physical Therapy, faculty and staff heard about the student's predicament and donated a full car of supplies to be brought to the student and her family.

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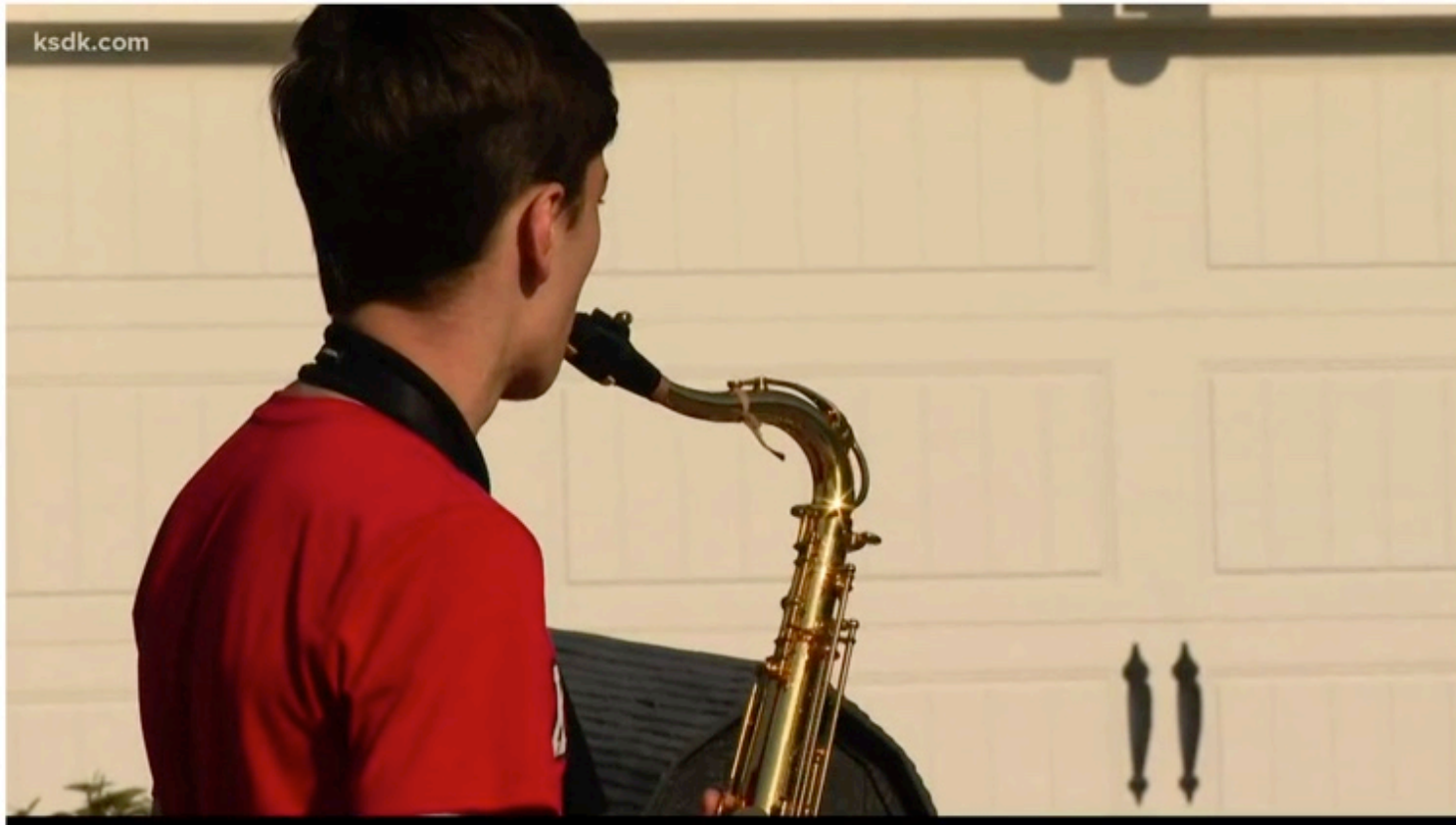
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Kirkwood High band members put on curbside concert to tune out coronavirus, lift community

"Not only are we doing it because it's fun for us, but people enjoyed it. It was a chance to lighten the mood," said 17-year-old Chris Palmer





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





*Gracious God,
we trust in your faithful love;
our hearts rejoice in your salvation;
through good times and bad
we will sing to you, LORD,
for you are good,
now and forevermore.*

Amen



Go in peace.





“

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

—Psalm 107:1



