





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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*Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.*

*In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6





*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul,
in you I trust, O my God.
Show me your ways; teach me your paths;
guide me in your truth and teach me;
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.*





We pray for the world.





How different nations are responding to spikes in coronavirus

Europe, the Middle East and Australia face a rise in cases, with some officials re-imposing curfews and restricting public gatherings





China: Police shutter house churches nationwide, order Christians to stop believing in God



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All News World Inspiring

After COVID Cancels All Flights, One Man Sailed Solo Across the Atlantic to Reach His 90-Year-old Father

With international passenger flights nixed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Juan Manuel Balletero embarked on an epic 85-day, solo trans-Atlantic voyage from Argentina to Portugal.

By **Judy Cole** - Jul 24, 2020





We pray for the Church.





**Spiritual 'Pandemic of Hope' Grips
Iran as Thousands Accept Jesus
Christ Amidst COVID-19**



Pastor John MacArthur Could Face Fines, Be Arrested for Holding In-Person Church Services amid COVID-19

Amanda Casanova | *ChristianHeadlines.com* Contributor | Monday, August 3, 2020



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John MacArthur's California church is facing possible fines from the county if the church keeps hosting in-person services.



Barbecue Baptist Church Delivers Meals, A Message and a Little Levity amid Pandemic

Emily McFarlan Miller | Religion News Service | Tuesday, July 28, 2020



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(RNS) — Before the barbecue trailer, there was the toilet paper popemobile.

With toilet paper hard to come by as stay-at-home orders took effect in many states earlier this year to flatten the curve of the coronavirus, Chad McMillan put the pastor of First Baptist Church of Navasota, Texas, on a trailer surrounded by plexiglass, "like the popemobile," he said. He handed the pastor a T-shirt gun loaded with toilet paper, each roll wrapped with a Bible verse.



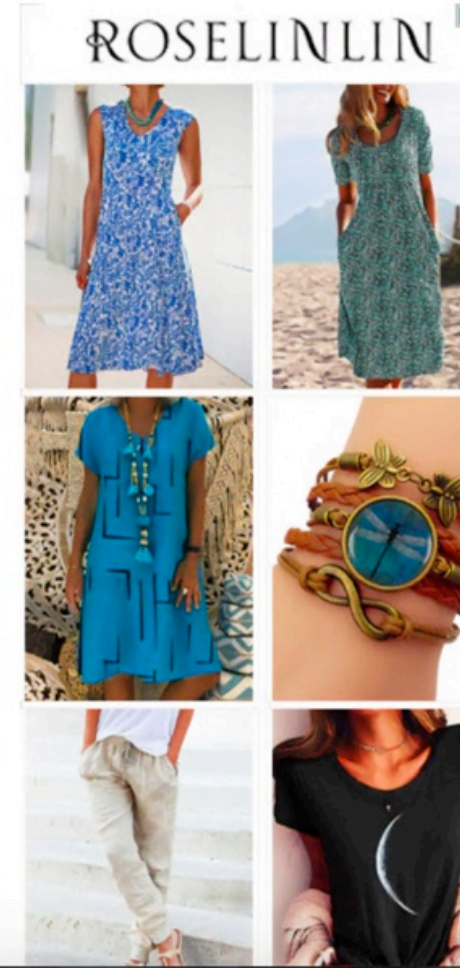


We pray for the helpers.



Health care workers may be less, not more, susceptible to coronavirus, study suggests

'Despite the headlines you see saying health care workers are at higher risk of contracting the disease, we haven't seen that,' says Hoag hospital researcher



Firefighters face two battles: Wildfires and COVID-19

Alana Minkler Arizona Republic
USA TODAY NETWORK

For the men and women fighting Arizona wildfires this summer, amidst a pandemic, almost every aspect of day-to-day life has changed drastically.

Pre-pandemic firefighters had their own way of life, including routine morning briefings, respectful handshakes and community meals.

Now, everything has changed.

Every meal is pre-packaged and firefighters have to eat 6 to 10 feet apart, crew members wave at each other in-

stead of shaking hands, and they attend virtual briefs on their smart phones or radios instead of massive and crowded in-person ones.

To add to the challenge of a pandemic, this has been one of the gnarliest wildfire seasons due to a wet winter and dry summer conditions which fed massive wildfires across Arizona, including the Bighorn Fire, Mangum Fire and Bush Fire, which ranged from about 71,000 acres to more than 193,455 acres.

"This is the biggest impact that I've seen to the wildland firefighting," said Quentin Johnson regarding COVID-19

precautions. Johnson is an operations section trainee on the Bighorn Fire, who has worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 30 years.

"It's definitely a different scenario out there from what we're used to," said Tony Peprilli, Safety Officer for the Northern Rockies Incident Management Team 1.

Peprilli said that living in a COVID-19 pandemic world means fire management is now "very much concerned about the safety of our firefighters as

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A U.S. Forest Service hotshot works near the East Desert Fire on May 18 in Cave Creek. SEAN LOGAN/THE REPUBLIC



Baltimore Pastor Sees Long-Term Solution to Food Insecurity: Black Church Farms

Christian food ministries are stretched to the limit by 2020 needs as crises reveal deeper problems.

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Image: Illustration by Mallory Rentsch / Photo: Courtesy of Black Church Food Security Network

Some would have seen nothing but a lawn around the black Baptist church in Baltimore, but pastor Heber Brown III had a grander vision—a garden space to minister to people’s physical hunger.





We pray for our community.





What Back to School Might Look Like in the Age of Covid-19

An illustrated guide to how schools will try to control the coronavirus when students return to their classrooms, this fall or in the future.

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THE CONFEDERATE RECKONING
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SOUTHERN MONUMENTS IN CROSSHAIRS



Andrew J. Yawn, Todd A. Price and Maria Clark
The American South | USA TODAY NETWORK - TENNESSEE

Symbols of the Confederacy have long stood across the South. • But in the weeks since George Floyd died in police custody, those calling for an end to racism and police brutality have turned their fight for social justice toward toppling symbols of the white supremacist past. • A statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis was knocked to the ground in the Virginia city where he once governed the seceded states. In Montgomery, Alabama — still called the Cradle of the Confederacy on the city seal — the statue of Robert E. Lee was upended in front of a school named for the general. In New

COMING TUESDAY: J. Marion Sims, a doctor who experimented on enslaved women who could not consent.

COMING WEDNESDAY: Jefferson Davis: President of the Confederate States of America. Also, an editorial: Face history of Confederate monuments and start dismantling systemic racism.

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montgomeryadvertiser.com/confederate-reckoning





JASON ARMOND / Los Angeles Times

PASTOR DONOVAN PRICE prays on the South Side of Chicago, where gun violence is surging. Locals, not federal forces, must find solutions, he said.

COLUMN ONE

During a violent summer, he prays for Chicago's soul

Street pastor finds a calling in tending the grieving

By **KURTIS LEE**
REPORTING FROM CHICAGO

way on the South Side of Chicago.

Price steeled himself for another vigil.

The 53-year-old self-described street

pastor has found a calling in counseling the





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





*And the God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ,
after you have suffered a little while will himself
restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.
To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.*

1 Peter 5:10-11



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



