





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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*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
O Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.
Psalm 130:1-2*





*O merciful God,
look with pity upon the sorrows of your people;
remember us, O Lord, in your mercy;
lift thy countenance upon us, and give us peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

-adapted from The Book of Common Prayer





We pray for the world.



World



Coronavirus 'not under control and is accelerating', warns WHO





States sue feds over ICE rules for foreign students

Several lawsuits have now been filed against an ICE policy that bars foreign students from taking only-online coursework in the fall.





France's health workers given 'historic' pay rises

The government signs a deal worth €8bn (£7.2bn; \$9bn) hailing the workers' role in the pandemic.





We pray for the Church.



CHURCH LEADERS FACE TOUGH CHOICES AS COVID-19 CASES RISE

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By Carrie Brown McWhorter

The Alabama Baptist

When Mobile pastor Derek Allen announced on July 1 that his church, First Baptist Church Tillman's Corner, was reverting back to online-only services and ministries following a COVID-19 outbreak among staff and volunteers, he acknowledged the move felt like a "step backward."

"It felt like we were inching our way back to a full schedule" he wrote in an update on the church's website. "This is disappointing to all of us."

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(RNS) — Before the coronavirus pandemic reached South Africa in early spring, 15-year-old Sandile Manyike and his family faithfully attended Mass at St. Martin de Porres, a vibrant 800-member Roman Catholic church in Orlando West, the township where Nelson Mandela lived before he was imprisoned.



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We pray for the helpers.





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The two officers were killed while responding to a domestic disturbance call



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[John Wisely](#) Detroit Free Press

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President Trump believes these CDC school guidelines are too strict

The president and the CDC disagree on the guidelines for reopening schools. *USA TODAY*





CBS EVENING NEWS WITH NORAH O'DONNELL



Boy plays trumpet as a tribute to front-line workers

While most 12-year-old boys watch TV or play video games at night, there's a kid in Georgia who never misses a performance for his heroes. Mark Strassmann shares his story.

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We pray for our community.



The hard choice of opening schools

Worth the risk: Getting children back to school safely could mean keeping bars and gyms closed

By Michelle R. Smith
and Carla K. Johnson
The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. ▶ President Donald Trump insists that schools reopen this fall.

Many parents, educators, doctors and economists want the same thing.

But getting children back to school safely could mean keeping high-risk spots like bars and

gyms closed.

A growing chorus of public health experts is urging federal, state and local officials to reconsider how they are reopening the broader economy, and to prioritize K-12 schools — an effort that will likely require closing some other establishments to help curb the virus spread and give children the best shot at returning to classrooms.

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TIMES-STANDARD FILE

Eureka City Schools is weighing its options for reopening in the fall.

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TIMES-STANDARD.COM.

Humboldt County: Local schools weigh reopening plans amid the COVID-19 pandemic

By Shomik Mukherjee
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Schools in Humboldt County have a number of plans ready for potentially reopening in the fall, but the route they take still hinges on public health guidelines as coronavirus cases rise.

Most public schools will begin the next academic year sometime in August. The focus remains on health and safety, though districts

have taken note of a recent tweet by President Trump threatening to withhold federal funding for schools that don't reopen.

At Eureka City Schools, there are three options on the table: Reopen back to normal, keep full distance-learning in place or try for a middle ground.

"We thought our plans were starting to solidify and then we've had this uptick in COVID happen-

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‘Cries for help’: Drug overdoses are soaring during the coronavirus pandemic

Suspected overdoses nationally jumped 18 percent in March, 29 percent in April and 42 percent in May, data from ambulance teams, hospitals and police shows.



GREEN THUMBS GROWING DURING PANDEMIC



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Katya Cho gets some assistance harvesting fresh produce from her first Flagstaff garden from 2-year-old Julian and 6-year-old Jack Wednesday morning. "I would say that the pandemic got me [gardening] because I'm normally an extrovert and I like to go out," Cho said. "We also get weekly CSA shares from Refugia Gardens – which has been great because we've been avoiding grocery stores."





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



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*I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I put my hope . . .*

*Put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love,
and with him is full redemption.*

Psalm 130:5-7



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



