





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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*Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Isaiah 41:10





*O God,
our rock and our redeemer,
you are with us,
and you have not given us a spirit of fear.
Calm our hearts by thy Holy Spirit.
Meet our needs and those of the world around us
according to your mercy and grace
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*





We pray for the world.





LIVE Covid 'most severe health emergency' WHO has faced

Confirmed Covid-19 cases have now reached more than 16 million, with new clusters recorded in China.



Israel and Hezbollah 'exchange fire' near Lebanon border

Monday 27 July 2020 19:36, UK



The Israeli military said there had been a "security incident" with militants of the Iranian-backed Lebanese Shia group, while Hezbollah denied it had engaged in clashes.





The fight to vote



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We pray for the Church.





Over 70% of churches holding in-person services with safety measures in place

BY [ANUGRAH KUMAR](#)

After months of COVID-19-related restrictions compelled places of worship to suspend on-campus services across America, more than 70% of Protestant churches have cautiously resumed in-person services following the required safety measures, according to a new LifeWay Research survey.

- **Most US Christians uncomfortable with returning to church: survey**
- **Some Calif. churches plan to defy new gathering ban: 'My mandate is to obey the Word of God'**
- **Churches sue Calif. Gov. Newsom over COVID-19 order banning in-home Bible studies**



Churches Plan to Host Students During Remote Learning

In some communities, empty buildings and eager youth ministers offer safe places and supervision for families facing school closures.

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Journeyman Jazz Jones (left) and Haylee Belcher (right) rejoice with their friend, Ana, after her baptism in Northern Brazil. (IMB photo)

When she was 16 years old, Haylee Belcher felt called to serve overseas. As she read through the Bible, specifically passages like the Great Commission ([Matt. 28:18–20](#)), Haylee said she could not help but ask herself, “Where is God sending me?”

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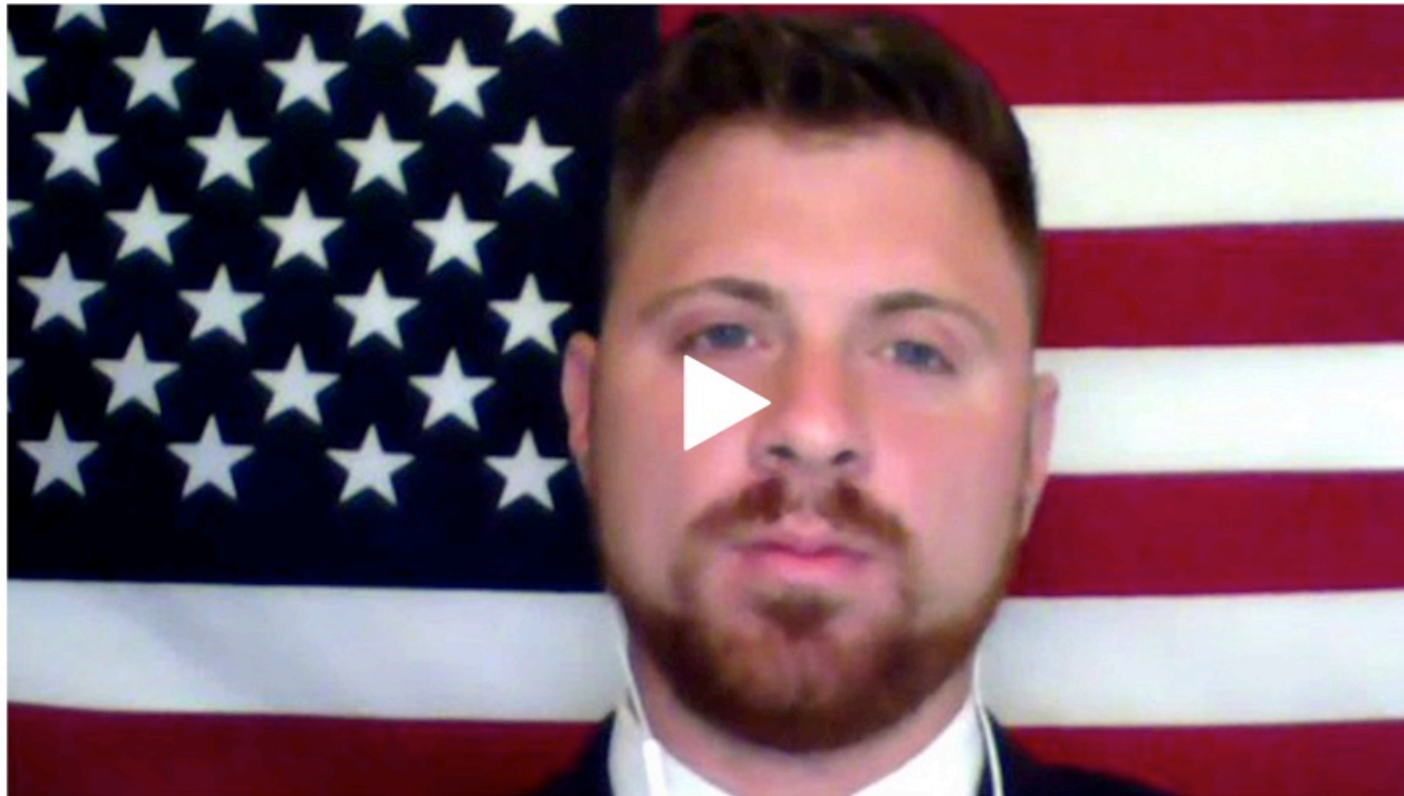
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New York City protesters target police vehicles, light fires

Six police vehicles were vandalized over the weekend in New York City

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Teachers Are Growing More Concerned About COVID-19 Exposure, Poll Finds

Educators are more likely than other U.S. workers to express concern about being exposed to COVID-19 at their workplaces.

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The late John Lewis crosses Selma bridge for a final time in remembrance procession

A crowd began gathering near the bridge that became a landmark in the fight for racial justice when Lewis and other civil rights marchers were beaten there 55 years ago on "Bloody Sunday."



A series of events began Saturday in Lewis' hometown of Troy, Ala., to pay tribute the late congressman and his legacy. | John Bazemore/AP





We pray for our community.



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Protests erupt across the U.S. and turn deadly in Texas

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When families are shut out of facilities

Nursing home rules heighten anxiety

Britt Kennerly

Florida Today

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Her 103-year-old mother is in a nursing home where several staff members are out sick with the coronavirus.

His 73-year-old wife is recovering from a broken hip in the rehab section of another nursing home, where almost two dozen patients in a different wing have tested positive — and some have died.

The two Brevard County residents join countless families worried about parents, spouses and friends in nursing homes or assisted living facilities during the state's current COVID-19 surge — and who, because of lockdowns since March 14, can't assess their loved ones' condition or care in person.

Their concern is understandable.

As of Saturday, ... fatalities in long-term care facilities statewide account for 45.7% of Florida's 5,777 coronavirus deaths.

According to Friday's Department of Health update, 25 patient deaths have been connected to long-term care facilities in Brevard — 39% of the county's 64 deaths as of that date. As of Saturday, the 2,445 fatalities in long-term care facilities statewide account for 45.7% of Florida's 5,777 coronavirus deaths.

In a DOH report, as of July 23, Brevard had a total of 182 patients who'd tested positive at 15 different facilities and 174 staff members testing positive at 38 facilities.

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Because he can't visit Donna, his wife of 62 years, in a long-term care facility because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bob Willett sits down at his computer and writes her a daily letter. FOR FLORIDA TODAY





More Americans Are Going Out of Their Way to Support Small Businesses During COVID-19





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



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*I am sure that neither death nor life,
nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things
to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation
will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:38-39*



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



