





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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Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Romans 8:26





*O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through your Son.
Look with compassion on the whole human family;
take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts;
break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love;
and through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth;
so that, in your good time, every people and nation may serve you
in harmony around your heavenly throne;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

-from the Book of Common Prayer





We pray for the world.



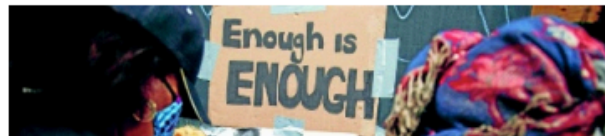


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Philonise Floyd, a brother of George Floyd, wipes his face as he testifies during a House Judiciary Committee hearing on proposed changes to police practices and accountability Wednesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Floyd's brother tells House: 'Stop the pain'

Reforming police,
fighting racism seen
as slain man's legacy



Choking back tears, he said he wants to make sure that his brother, whom he called "Perry," is "more than another face on a t-shirt. More than another name on a list that won't stop grow-



Coronavirus in Africa: Outbreak 'accelerating' across continent

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Coronavirus pandemic



South Africa has more than a quarter of Africa's cases

The coronavirus pandemic is accelerating in Africa, the World Health Organization (WHO) says.





At least 81 killed in Boko Haram attack in Nigeria; civilians shot, bodies run over

BY [SAMUEL SMITH](#)

Authorities in the Borno state of Nigeria said Wednesday that at least 81 people were killed in an attack on a nomadic community believed to have been carried out by militants aligned with the Islamic extremist groups Boko Haram or Islamic State West Africa Province.





We pray for the Church.



'Breathe, Pray, Meditate': Born From Resistance, Black Churches Now Leading In Crises

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JUANA SUMMERS 

 4-Minute Listen

 PLAYLIST



Pastor Donte Hickman, seen at Southern Baptist Church in 2015, says he's had some productive conversations with the Trump administration on policy issues.

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Hospital chaplains continue ministry



Mark McDermott, director of pastoral care at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids, offers a blessing Wednesday for patient Gloria Boggess of Marion as he makes his rounds at the hospital. (Jim Slosiarek/The Gazette)

Spiritual caregivers are learning to offer comfort from a distance

By **Michaela Ramm**, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — The last few months have brought a lot of fear of the unknown

greatly needed, chaplains at area hospitals — individuals tasked with helping those individuals through emotional distress — have found the nature of their work has changed

families following a tough diagnosis and support staff as they go about day-to-day duties.

Much of the work hospital chaplains do relies on in-person contact



'People are too afraid': churches begin to reopen - but will worshippers go back?



▲ The Rev Peter Purpura, right, the priest of Our Lady of Hope Catholic church, leads a May procession called the Blessed Sacrament to bring blessings to worshippers while the church is closed. Photograph: Mike Segar/Reuters





We pray for the helpers.



LENDING A HAND FOR THOSE IN NEED



Above: Port St. Lucie police officer Willis Tumblin gives a thumbs up as he helps direct a long line of traffic that stretched around St. Lucie West Centennial High School during a mobile food distribution by the Treasure Coast Food Bank on Wednesday in Port



A pledge for police reform

Minneapolis chief also takes 'deliberate pause' in union talks

BY STEVE KARNOWSKI
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Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minneapolis Police Department will withdraw from police union contract negotiations, Chief Medaria Arradondo said Wednesday, as he announced initial steps in what he said would be transformational reforms to the agency in the wake of George Floyd's death.

Faced with calls from activists and a majority of City Council members to

dismantle or defund the department, Arradondo also said he would use a new system to identify problem officers early and intervene.

"We will have a police department that our communities view as legitimate, trusting and working with their best interests at heart," he said at a news conference more than two weeks after Floyd died. A white officer pressed his knee into



Medaria Arradondo

the handcuffed black man's neck even after he stopped moving and pleading for air.

Activists have pointed to racial inequities and brutality, as well as a system that rarely disciplines problem officers. The officer charged with murder, Derek Chauvin, had 17 complaints against him and had been disciplined only once.

Arradondo said "taking a deliberate pause" to review the union contract is the first step toward change. He said it's

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ON PAGE 7: George Floyd's brother on Capitol Hill
Philonise Floyd describes the pain of losing his brother Wednesday as he testifies during a House Judiciary Committee hearing on proposed changes to police practices and accountability in Washington.





THE SOUTHERN FILE PHOTO

Jarety (left) and Edwin Garcia help their mother by choosing some bread while picking up food from the Victory Dream Center food pantry on April 15 in Carbondale. Victory Dream Center received a grant through the SIH COVID-19 Relief Fund to pay for equipment to provide outdoor food distribution.

Helping our neighbors

SIH gives first round of grants to social service agencies

MARILYN HALSTEAD
The Southern

CARBONDALE — Boys & Girls Club of Southern Illinois will continue to serve evening meals to families thanks in part to a

cial barriers adversely affect the health of people in Southern Illinois. Poverty in the region is significant. The most recent SIH Community Health Needs Assessment, completed in 2018, showed between 14.4% and 23.4% of Southern Illinois residents were living at or below the poverty line, depending on the county.

“We know these things play

created the SIH COVID-19 Relief Fund to help during the pandemic. Through donations from the people of Southern Illinois and individual SIH employees, they raised funds to assist with local community and health care-worker needs.

“We started the fund in mid-March when we recognized the devastating impact of COVID-19 on our community.” SIH Foun-

health and other COVID-19 related needs.

BGCSI has been providing dinner to between 125 and 150 families each day, for a total of more than 13,000 meals since March 16. Tina Carpenter, executive director, said they purchase food from local restaurants, then distribute it to families. She added that the restaurants have provided these meals at a





We pray for our community.





BRIAN KRISTA/BALTIMORE SUN MEDIA PHOTOS

Hana Hawthorne, organizer for Black Lives and Allies of Anne Arundel County, shouts into a megaphone as supporters march in Crofton.

Protesters march 'to make change together'

Demonstrators gather in Crofton to denounce racism, police brutality



U.S. to Launch Advanced Trials Of Possible Vaccines This Summer

BY PETER LOFTUS

The federal government plans to fund and conduct the decisive studies of three experimental coronavirus vaccines starting this summer, a lead government vaccine researcher said.

These Phase 3 trials are expected to involve tens of thousands of subjects at dozens of sites around the U.S., said John Mascola, director of the vaccine research center at the National Institute of Allergy

and Infectious Diseases. Meant to determine a vaccine's safety and effectiveness, they would mark the final stage of testing.

Moderna Inc.'s vaccine is set to be first, starting in July, followed in August by one co-developed by Oxford University and AstraZeneca PLC and in September by Johnson & Johnson's, he said.

The timetable suggests researchers are making relatively rapid progress advancing their vaccines through earlier stages of testing—fo-

cused on whether they are safe and induce the desired immune response—to at least merit the planning.

"We will want to use the investigative resources of the country as best we can to optimize us getting an answer as quickly as possible," said Larry Corey, a vaccine and infectious-disease specialist at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle and member of a committee advising the National Institutes of Health on the design of the

coronavirus-vaccine trials.

A Moderna spokesman confirmed the plan for the NIH-funded trial of its vaccine. An AstraZeneca spokeswoman said the company's recent contract with the U.S. Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority would support a large study, which BarDA previously said would begin in the summer.

J&J said on Wednesday it plans to start the first human study of its vaccine in the sec-

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Could regular volunteering be the key to a long and healthy life?

Words by
[Gavin Haines](#)

A new study by Harvard University adds weight to the idea that being altruistic can help us live longer

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





*Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.
To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication
for all the saints.*

Ephesians 6:18



Go in peace.





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“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

—Colossians 3:17



