

THE UPPER ROOM

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Dear Upper Room Family,

Greetings in the name of our risen Savior! The Resurrection is the centerpiece of our hope, and if we ever needed hope, now is the time. We pray for health – physical, emotional, and spiritual health – for our Upper Room family and the world. We hope you will pray for us, too, as we all work remotely to keep the ministry of The Upper Room present and vital.

This is a long letter with two primary topics of helpful information for you:

- suggestions for how to get the most out of your print copies of *The Upper Room* daily devotional guide during this unique time
- information about other resources The Upper Room is temporarily making available to individuals and churches while COVID-19 is front and center in our world

Please hang in there as you read in case the most important piece of information for you is toward the end!

Suggestions for how to get the most out of your print copies of The Upper Room daily devotional guide during this unique time

1. Getting your print copies of the May/June issue to your readers
 - a. Set up a curbside pick-up at the church so people can drive by and take their issue from a table or rack.
 - b. Establish a ministry to deliver copies to your readers' doorsteps.
 - c. If you know the mailing addresses of your readers, send their copy via USPS.
 - d. If you are unable to mail copies to your readers, contact Marilyn Beaty, mlbeaty@upperroom.org, for assistance.
 - e. Email PDF copies of May/June to your readers. You will find them here for free download. <https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19> The downloads are available in both English and Spanish.
2. Through June 30, 2020, you have permission to post the daily meditation on your website. You can also simply put a link on your site. <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals> for English or <https://es.upperroom.org/devotionals> for Spanish
3. Through June 30, 2020, you have permission to record the reading of the daily meditation to be presented as a **story** on Facebook, or on a **private** YouTube channel. **Please note – do not record the meditation and make it available as a post or using Facebook Live. Make it available only as a story.** Stories are up for a limited time and then disappear. This is an important copyright consideration. We appreciate your cooperation.
4. Consider doing a study group via Zoom, WebEx or other video-conferencing tool using the study questions included in every issue of *The Upper Room*.

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The following list can be viewed at [upperroom.org/covid-19](https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19)

1. Go to <https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19> for a list of all of our resources specific to the pandemic along with the following articles:
 - *Seven Suggestions for Healing and Renewal in the Midst of Stress and Anxiety* by Flora S. Wuellner
 - *A Blessing for Those Who Wait* by Beth A. Richardson
 - *The Work of Hope* by Luther E. Smith, Jr.
 - *Getting Started with Your Private Online Classroom*

2. **Morning Prayer on Facebook Live – Each day at 11AM CT.** Please join here - <https://www.facebook.com/UpperRoomCenter/> Each session of this brief daily communal prayer time is led by an Upper Room staff member or friend.
3. **“New Every Morning” with daily video.** This e-newsletter offers a daily reflection featuring an excerpt from an Upper Room Books title, a reflection question, space to comment and/or to add a prayer request. A video clip featuring a staff member or author responding to the question: “What does creating a life with God look like for you today?” View the videos at <https://www.youtube.com/user/UpperRoomMin/featured> Sign up here: <https://upperroombooks.com/neweverymorning-subscribe/>
4. Our **Freedom From Worry** eCourse will be offered free for a limited time. This eCourse, featuring Upper Room Books author Patricia Wilson, is designed to help participants reduce their anxiety level and develop practices of prayer and trust. To register, go to UReLearning.upperroom.org/courses and use the promo code **FREEDOM** when registering.
5. Other eCourses are being offered for half price. To view available eCourses, visit UReLearning.upperroom.org/courses and use promo code **URHALF** when registering.
6. **The Upper Room Prayer Wall** is available for posting prayers and praying in response to the prayers of others. <http://prayer-center.upperroom.org/prayer-wall>
7. Beth Richardson has created a helpful video for all those who want to submit requests or pray for others. A link can be found here: <https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19>
8. The **Upper Room Editions** team has created a new space on the daily devotional blog for the purpose of sharing personal and theological reflections on the current global pandemic. A link to this section can be found at <https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19>
9. Our “*Prayers for...*” series is available for free download at <https://www.upperroom.org/special-editions> “*Prayers For Hope, Prayers for Courage, Pocket Prayers for Times of Illness, and Prayers for Comfort*”

We may be a community in crisis, but we are also a community in Christ, and that makes all the difference. Please know that we are in this together.

Yours in faith on behalf of The Upper Room,



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