



First Christian Reformed Church of Lynden
From Generation to Generation for the Glory of God

God's precious and exceedingly great promises in hard times

Colossians 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

Scripture

Psalms 107:20 *He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.*

I Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Song

Psalms 59:16 *But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

I Serve A Risen Savior

I Serve A Risen Savior, He's In The World Today.
I Know That He Is Living, Whatever Men May Say.
I See His Hand Of Mercy; I Hear His Voice Of Cheer;
And Just The Time I Need Him He's Always Near.

Refrain: He Lives, He Lives, Christ Jesus Lives Today!
He Walks With Me And Talks With Me Along Life's Narrow Way.
He Lives, He Lives, Salvation To Impart!
You Ask Me How I Know He Lives?
He Lives Within My Heart.

In All The World Around Me I See His Loving Care,
And Though My Heart Grows Weary, I Never Will Despair;
I Know That He Is Leading, Through All The Stormy Blast;
The Day Of His Appearing Will Come At Last. (refrain)

Rejoice, Rejoice, Oh Christian, Lift Up Your Voice And Sing
Eternal Hallelujahs To Jesus Christ The King!
The Hope Of All Who Seek Him, The Help Of All Who Find,
None Other Is So Loving, So Good And Kind. (refrain)

Prayer

Colossians 4:2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

For all medical personnel:

God, we pray for health, both physical and emotional for all who work to bring comfort and healing. Surround them and their families with protection and love. Provide the supplies they need as well as time for rest, exercise, and food.

List all those who come to your mind who are working to save lives: (doctors, nurses, care facility staff, cleaners, specific names you are aware of....)

For all first responders and law enforcement:

God keep them well, keep them safe. Protect them so that they can serve us.

List all those who come to your mind who are working to save lives: (police officers, fire fighters, ambulance drivers, specific names you are aware of...)

For all food supply workers:

God, we thank you for those who put themselves on the front lines to provide food and make it available. Keep them healthy and safe from illness and injury.

List all those who come to your mind who are working to save lives: (stockers, check-out workers, cleaners, farmers, specific names you are aware of...)

For all who provide transportation:

God, keep those safe on the roads who are driving trucks, buses, vans, delivery vehicles. Protect them from fatigue, loneliness, and injury. Provide them with the rest, showers, and nourishment that they need.

List all those who come to your mind who are working to save lives: (truck drivers, pilots, train personnel, specific names you are aware of...)

For all who provide and manufacture emergency equipment and medicine:

God, give them ingenuity and wisdom to create and produce needed products and treatments for this virus. Help them persevere in the struggle to provide what is needed for healing and hope.

List all those who come to your mind who are working to save lives: (producers of masks, ventilators, drugs, vaccines, specific names you are aware of...)

For all who provide education and care for youth:

God, our schools and colleges are empty. Give both educators and parents creativity, patience, and special grace in helping young people, especially children continue to learn and grow in this stressful environment.

List all those who come to your mind: (parents, teachers, administrator, curriculum producers, specific names you are aware of...)

For all who are ministering to the spiritual needs of people:

God, our churches are empty, but the spiritual needs are plenty. Give extra grace and wisdom to the shepherds of our souls as they try to minister in ways never done before and address the fears, anxieties, concerns and needs of your sheep.

List all those who come to your mind: (pastors, elders, deacons, chaplains, Christian counselors, specific names you are aware of...)

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