

Sisters and Brothers, may the peace of Christ be with you.

Our Community Gathering - The coordinators continue to discern when we should meet again. The current thinking is that we will not restart weekly prayer meetings but rather meet once and see how it goes. If it goes well, we could decide to have meetings every other week for a while continuing to leverage our online Area Meetings. The thought is to start small and keep it simple. Attendance will of course be voluntary; we will follow CDC guidelines and will encourage the vulnerable to wait until a later time. We remain open to hearing from you regarding your thoughts on meeting and your wiliness to help. Please contact your Area Coordinator or reply to this email.

Safe Environment - This is the normal time of year when we would be doing our annual Safe Environment training. While we do not know the date our ministries will restart, we know that it will happen and CCGD is committed to maintaining a safe environment for our youth and vulnerable adults. If you attend training in your parish, please send a copy to Cate Leicht, our Safe Environment manager. You can also attend our SE training online this year.

Covenant Life - The reports from across the Community about the Area video calls continue to be very positive. If you have not attended please give it a try and if you need help connecting, please contact your Area Coordinator or reply to this email and we will arrange help.

Please reach out if you have any needs or just need someone to talk to. We encourage every member to share whatever Spiritual Gifts you receive with one the Coordinators. Please reach out to your Area coordinator or me if you have unmet needs that your covenant sisters and brothers can help with. Please donate online at www.GodsDelight.org or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, Tx 75222 as we are dependent on your generosity for our ongoing financial needs.

Reflection - We all have favorite scriptures that are special to us for various reasons. The second reading today from the second chapter of Paul's letter to the Philippians is a favorite that Laurie and I chose for our wedding. It is special

for the way it so clearly presents the calling of every Christian to follow Jesus' example. In place of a reflection this week I invite prayerful reflection on Paul's words: *"Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

Let us pray together: "Jesus, I love you and want to have Your attitude, but I know I cannot make myself change, I can only surrender to You. Forgive me of my past failures and empower me to be obedient to God the Father as You were. Send your Holy Spirit into me anew today and every day that through Your grace and power I can live for You and spread Your gospel through the example of my life. I love You. Amen"

God bless,
David