



When problems, challenges, hard times arise what do we do? We have the great privilege to take it to the Lord in prayer. It is true that we cannot join together face-to-face while our nation and this world attempts to slow down the spread of this COVID-19 virus. However, that does that mean that we cannot be the Church and serve the Lord's people. The Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write, *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The community of Berea Lutheran Church and Agape Hill Church invites you to join its new outreach ministry Family Connections in **Eight Weeks of Prayer**. Each Monday for next eight weeks you will receive a specific prayer topic to meditate on and lift up in your home devotions and prayer time. We will include a prayer for each day Monday-Saturday that you can use if you choose. In addition to those daily prayers, you will also receive our updated prayer list of individuals who need and have requested our prayers. The power of prayer is mighty when the faith community prays!

We encourage you then to join with your brothers and sisters in online worship. We will post a worship service each Sunday morning that we are restricted from gathering as a worship community. It is there we can gather around God's Word for the strengthening and nurturing of our faith and we together, can lift up prayers and petitions to the throne of His grace and mercy.

"Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy! Attend to me, and answer me...Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." Psalm 55:1-2a, 22

May the Lord bless you and bring you peace.

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