

FIRE BAPTIZED HOLINESS CHURCH OF GOD OF THE AMERICAS

2020 TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PRAYER WATCH

II Chronicles 7:13-14

This week the Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas, is being called to Round the Clock Prayer, from 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday March 24, 2020 through 7:00a.m. Sunday March 29, 2020. We will focus on the conditions of our times as a result of the recent Coronavirus that is plaguing our world and our land. Though this threat to the general population is spreading profusely, it is not beyond the reach of the hand of the Almighty God.

His Promises to His People are true, and His ear is attentive to our cry. In this time of unrest and uncertainty, God's People Must rise in Faith and the Confidence to obtain those Promises. We have been given the necessary tools to confront every challenge, every threat, and every foe in expectation of Triumph! Our Faith in His Name, and the Ministry Gifts of the Holy Spirit assures us that the outcome is in our favor. We have been equipped, not only to fight, but to WIN!!! Every battle has already been given into our hands.

In these times we are faced with the types of encounters most of us have not seen in our lifetime. Things that we have no reference for or similarity to compare. This coronavirus has taken our world by storm. It has brought the unexpected, the unknown, and the uncontrollable. This experience has pushed our society into the chasm between life as we knew it, and a very different future ahead. But these things should not shake our confidence in God.

While the Coronavirus, COVID19 is not a direct attack on Christianity, it is indeed a test of the visibility of our faith. This is the time that we must be the light of hope, in the darkness of despair. The invoked panic we are witnessing, the negativity that is projected by our secular world leaders and the media, has only hastened the self-destructing inner-beast called fear. The message being so blatantly propelled throughout our society leaves the general public with no hope.

When we don't know what to do or how to do it, we panic. Sudden events of an uncontrollable nature will generate anxieties, which then brings fear, and leads us into the chaos of desperation. This unsettledness brings out the worst in man. We are seeing behaviors and actions that cause much disillusion and hopelessness. But the Christian Believer is never taken unaware. We see every event as a sign already predicted in the words Christ has spoken.

But we as God's People hold true the eternal hope that is in Christ Jesus. Through our faith relationship with Him, and the covering of His Blood, we are victorious over every issue. We Must not allow these messages to dictate our lives or our functions as Christian Believers. We Must be the example of hope amidst hopelessness. Our worship, our peace, and our ministry should fuel the expectation that God will by His most powerful hand, surely bring deliverance.

The Fire Baptized Holiness Church Movement is now being summonsed, to intercede on the behalf of the people and the times in which we live. Though some among us may be affected by this recent threat on our health and well-being, we who are believers in Christ Jesus, know that God is our Healer, our Deliverer, and our Protector, and we call on Him in Prayer to perform His promises towards us and for us. We know what to do.

As orders of business closures are being invoked by the governmental and health officials, we the Church must be mindful of social distancing (6 ft), as well personal and facility sanitation. Gatherings must be structured so that there is a reduction in the potential risk of infection. While these orders are invoked,

we must not shrink back, but become more aggressive in the work of Ministry. We advise you to be mindful of the orders invoked by your state and local governments. Various restrictions are being ordered, and our compliance or disregard may result in actions being taken. Therefore, take note and be aware of specifics of the orders cited in your respective area.

In areas where there are lighter restrictions, be creative in structuring the settings of gathering. Example, meetings with smaller groups such as, with Deacon's groups, where there may be less in attendance, to ensure compliance and the necessary distancing, attentive observation as well responses to the visible needs of the members and community. Conference calls are means of meeting in larger groups and numbers, but we must keep ministry in the forefront of our activities. Pastors should meet with their Board of Deacons to discuss and determine the best strategies for the ministry of their local assemblies. Find out what are the needs of the older saints, children, and the community, and become involved with suggested solutions.

The church must not solely look for the answers from the secular resources but become a source for the world around us. If we cease to be the Christian Community we are called to be, we then cease to be visible and fade into the woodwork of society. We must not blend in. We must not subdue to the conditions and mentality of our society. The Church should be asking officials what we can do to assist in the message and the efforts of support. We can only do this by observing personal care measures and insisting the same of each other.

When gathering there should be designated persons to sanitize doorways, entry mechanisms, and open-air sanitizing. Remember, everyone may not be as cautious as necessary. While you may wash your hands frequently, others may neglect the same level of care. This is a time when observing the personal space of others should not be considered offensive. Let us respect in love, the concerns and care of others.

The care of the elderly is of most importance. While it may not be the best to have extended home visits, we must minister love and concern to those that are unwell, live alone, single parents, or caregivers. We can say leave it to the professionals, but we have been called to serve, to heal, and to minister to the community at large. Looking out for me and mine is selfish, and should never be the mentality of the Christian Believer. Phone call, facetimes, social networking, and other avenues of contact may be safer, but must not become the excuse for laziness.



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**TUESDAY – SUNDAY
March 24 – 29, 2020
Round the Clock Prayer Watch
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6:00 AM	Northeast Ohio District	Elder Allen B. Wilson, Sr.
7:00 AM	South Carolina District #1	Elder Robert J. Shackelford, I
8:00 AM	Maryland/Delaware District	Elder Joseph Simmons
9:00 AM	Southwest Ohio District	Elder Reginald Poellintz
10:00 AM	West-Eastern North Carolina District	Elder Billy L. Thompson, Sr.
11:00 AM	Pennsylvania District	Elder Clifton J. Hall, Sr.
12:00 PM	South Florida District	Elder Henry Brown Jr.
1:00 PM	Washington/Virginia District	Elder Gwendolyn Y. Johnson
2:00 PM	Western North Carolina District	Elder Verlon J. Pompey
3:00 PM	New Jersey District	Elder Willie J. Clark, Sr.
4:00 PM	Tennessee Districts	Elder Franklin A. Brown
5:00 PM	Charleston South Carolina District	Elder Bennett Raiford
6:00 PM	South Central North Carolina District	Elder Lester Powell, Jr.
7:00 PM	Southeast Georgia District	Elder Delmar Callaway
8:00 PM	Columbia South Carolina District	Elder Keith J. Smith, Jr.
9:00 PM	Southwestern North Carolina District	Elder Troy E. Bethune
10:00 PM	Central Georgia District	Elder Gilbert L. Hardy, Sr.
11:00 PM	South Carolina District #2	Elder Charles Frazier
12:00 AM	Alabama District	Elder Quinton Hughley
1:00 AM	Northeast Georgia District	Elder Henry L. Cobbs
2:00 AM	Jamaica District	Elder Henry L. ColClough
3:00 AM	North Florida District	Elder Dan Richburg
4:00 AM	Eastern North Carolina District	Elder William C. Frazier, I
5:00 AM	New York/Long Island District	Elder Earl G. Scott, Jr.