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Dear Church home, believers, searchers, and all who read these words. I think we all will miss worshipping God over the next few weeks. So, I thought it would be nice to send you all a few words of encouragement, a scripture, a prayer, and blessing to start your week.

Come Holy Spirit come. Comfort us in our suffering, cheer us in our sorrow, persuade us in our doubting, encourage us in our failings, and renew our strength. Fill us with living water through the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Please read our scripture, John 4: 5-42. "The woman at the well"

May we pray;

Gracious and loving God, we come before you this day, with our heads bowed, but our hearts lifted high in praise and admiration to you. We often try to control and rule our lives, forgetting you and all the wonderful gifts you give. We come to you now asking for your help. We admit we are filled with doubts, filled with fears, and ask for your forgiveness. We ask for your strength that we may keep you in our hearts and minds, guiding us to live good, fruitful and Holy lives. Help us to also be more understanding of our neighbors and their wants and needs. May we use your wisdom and courage to help others find your grace and love. The pressures of life often cause us to slip away from the ways you have directed us to live. Please forgive our shortcomings Dear Lord. We thank you for your word, your love, your patience, and your grace, as shown in your son Jesus who taught us to pray, "Our Father in Heaven. Holy is your name. May your Kingdom come, may your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever." Amen

Blessing: May Christ give you strength to overcome all temptation, to deny yourself, and take up your cross and follow Him. May the Blessings of The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you always, Amen

*Pastor Rich*