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# WHAT CAN **STOP** THE **CORONA** **VIRUS?**



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## A Note from Pastor James

With the corona-virus pandemic the world is filled with a lot of unknown and fear. I hope that we can start shifting our focus from the corona to Christ! God wants to give each of us peace and hope in any situation. This resource will help you remember promises that the Lord has for you, so that you can be filled with God's Word and defeat the corona-virus!

I hope that this resource helps you to grow closer to God!

In Christ,  
Pastor James Greer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Greer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being more prominent than the last name "Greer".

Ephesians 3:20

**Isaiah 26:3, NKJV** You will keep him in **perfect peace**, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.



# What Can Stop the Coronavirus?

## PRAYER & PRAISE

"The most powerful form of praying is positive, aggressive, mightily outgoing, and creative. It molds things, changes things, and brings things to pass."

"Prayer puts God's work in His hands and keeps it there. It looks to Him constantly and depends on Him implicitly to further His own cause. Prayer is but faith resting in, acting with, and leaning on and obeying God."

-Leonard Ravenhill, A Treasury of Prayer

**Prayer is earthly permission for heavenly interference.**

**Matthew 6:10, NKJV** *"Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."*

**First Principle of Spiritual Warfare: Whatever is plaguing you (us) today in the physical realm flows from the spiritual realm.**

- If we do not learn to address the **cause**, we will never get the **cure**.
- Get to the **root** if you want to change the **fruit**.
- If we want to have victory in the **physical**, we must learn to address it **spiritually**. *Eph 6:12, NKJV*

### **Four Powerful Ways to Pray**

#### **1. Pray with a Positive Approach.**

- Praying against the Coronavirus starts with Belief. *Matthew 19:26, NKJV*
- **Faith** is where we start.
- **Prayer** is based on a **personal** and **powerful God** who we **know** answers prayers. *1 John 5:14-15, NKJV*
- What we believe (**Faith**) shapes what we pray and how you pray. *Hebrews 11:1,3, NKJV*
- **Framed** = Complete, Restore, Repair, and Join together.
- Prayer is an incredible invitation to invite Jesus into the situation.

## 2. Pray from an Aggressive Position. Ephesians 6:17-18, *NKJV*; James 4:7, *NKJV*

"Satan dreads nothing but prayer . . . The one concern of the devil is to keep the saints from prayer. . . He laughs at our toil, mocks our wisdom, but trembles when we pray."

**Samuel Chadwick, A Treasury of Prayer, by Ravenhill**

- Casual and occasional prayers will not stop the Coronavirus, but **fervent, relentless, and bold prayers** can make a life-changing difference.
- The enemy dreads prayer because that is how the redeemed partner with the Redeemer.
- **Prayer** is a form of **conversation** and **communion** with God, but it is also a **weapon of incredible force**.

## 3. With Powerfully Outgoing Authority. Matthew 18:18-20, *NKJV*

- Private prayers are powerful, but Scripture reminds us of a different kind of authority that comes from praying together.
- Our prayers in agreement with other believers' travel beyond us; they are part of the body of Christ and multiply in strength through unity in Jesus.
- We gain strength, encouragement, and momentum when we agree and pray together.
- Imagine the outcomes when an entire church prays about something together!
- When you hear how others pray, your prayers are deepened, and your faith is increased. You know you are not alone, and it is easier to sense God's presence. Leviticus 26:8, *NKJV*
- Can you imagine the damage we could do if the whole church prays as one against the Coronavirus and Satan?

## 4. Pray Embracing a Creative Openness.

- With the Holy Spirit prompting you, there is no reason to limit prayer to a specific way or particular set of rules.
- God cannot be contained.
- As long as we use Scripture as our guidelines, we have a great latitude in our prayers.



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- The Holy Spirit can prompt creative approaches.
  - For example, it is not a lack of faith to pray for a vaccine to be developed.
  - We can pray for God's wisdom to inspire scientists to a safe and affordable vaccine.
  - You might find yourself praying for a funding to resource the development of the vaccine. That's a little out of the box, and that's the idea.

**God is a creative God**, and we are wise to listen for His prompts about how we are to pray against the Coronavirus.

Let's take our **prayers up** a notch to **take down the Coronavirus**.

### **Praise the Lord in the Midst of the Crisis (Coronavirus)**

- **Praise the Lord for His Love and wonderful things He is doing and has done.** Psalm 107:21, *CEV*
  - We must intentionally accept and allow Him to love us so we can and will love Him. 1 John 4:19, *CEV*
  - Giving tithes and offerings should be part of our celebrating and praising. Psalm 107:22, *CEV*

### **Understand God commands the crisis and can stop the crisis.**

Psalm 107:23-29, *CEV*

- God is not only **in Control** of the crisis—He is in control when it stops.


### **The main purposes of a crisis:**

- To call out and **PRAY** to Him.
- Remember **He is in Control**.
- **PRAISE** Him in the Crisis.
- Whatever you are going through remember Jesus can **stop and still the storm**. Psalm 107:29-33, *CEV*; Ephesians 4:5-6, *NKJV*





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The screenshot shows the homepage of Pastor James Greer's blog. At the top is a dark blue navigation bar with the 'James Greer' logo on the left and links for HOME, DEVOTION BOOKS, BLOG, MARRIAGE ASSESSMENT, SPIRITUAL CHECKUP, and RESOURCE BOOKLETS. The main content area features a large photo of Pastor James Greer, a man with a grey beard wearing a blue shirt and holding a brown folder. To the right of the photo, the headline reads 'Finding success in business, church and family life.' Below this is a paragraph about his 30+ years of ministry and business experience, his love for God, his wife, family, and church, and his vision for Journey Church. It also mentions he is now semi-retired but still takes photos in his free time. Below the paragraph is the title 'The Journey to a Better Life' and a note 'Get updates when on new blog posts'. At the bottom right is an email subscription form with a text input field labeled 'Email address' and a blue 'Get It' button.



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