

## *Know God*

Yes, God is the only one who can get us through this time! It is because of His love for us that we know He is always with us and will take care of us! His love gives us hope! We see that very deep love in John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but shall have eternal life”*. This verse touches us with a deeper passion this year as we look at this Easter Season with a new perspective due to our circumstances. 1John 4 goes a step further, *“This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”*

How well do you know your Lord? Author Nick Harrison shares that people, as they pray, see what used to be confusing or unknowable about God becomes a secret knowledge between them and their God. What a precious gift that is from the Lord! God has purpose for us in this time. Use it to know Him better and you will find a stronger relationship with Him and a revived spirit for this Holy Week and Easter Resurrection Sunday.

Start your time with the Lord with a praise psalm or your favorite praise song. Yes, He is the Miracle Worker! The One we sing about on Sunday! Listen and sing along with Pastor Carey and the Worship Team [HERE](#).

- *Praise You, Lord, for You are the Way Maker! Lord, I know You will make a way for me and my family where there seems to be no way!*  
*“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” (Is 43:19)*
- *Lord, we thank you for bringing us through difficult times in the past and thank you in advance for being here now to do what only You are able to do to help us.*  
*“For nothing will be impossible with God.” (Luke 1:37)*
- *We praise You, Lord, for You are the Alpha and Omega (beginning & end), omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent (all knowing, all powerful and always everywhere).“*  
*“I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,” says the Lord God. “I am the One who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One.” (Rev 1:8)*  
*“Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O Lord, You know it all.” (Ps 139:4)*  
*“By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of His mouth.” (Ps 33:6)*  
*“Do I not fill heaven and earth?” declares the Lord” (Jer 23:24)*
- *You are the Miracle Worker, Lord! Provide the researchers with insights to develop the treatments and vaccines needed to eradicate this virus.*

“You are the God who performs miracles; You display Your power among the peoples.”  
(Ps 77:14)

- *Humbly I come before You, Abba Father, for You are the Living God who is my rock, my salvation and my fortress! I have strength and courage because you are always here with me!*  
“You are the Living God who is my rock and always here with me”. (Ps 18:46)  
“Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will never be shaken. (Ps 62:2)
- *Lord, give us a new passion for loving one another and reaching out to share the gospel. Let that passion intensify with each day.*  
“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is Love. (1John 4:7-8)
- *Lord, You are the Promise Keeper! We praise You for Your Word gives us 3,000+ promises and You tell us You keep Your promises!*  
“. . . not one of all the good promises the Lord Your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.” (Josh 23:14)
- *Lord, help me to know You better so I will recognize Your voice and take the time to listen to You; so I will serve you by being in the center of Your will.*  
“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” (1John 5:12)
- *Lord, You are the Light in the Darkness! Though we see darkness in these days, we also see how You are working to give us encouragement, endurance, and drawing us to a deeper relationship with You.*  
“In Him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:4-5)  
“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” (Rom 8:28)

*“There is nothing too great for God’s power, and nothing too small for His love”*

Corrie ten Boom

Pray on your full divine armor of God (Eph 6:10-18) **every morning** and then pray thru Ps 91 for your family’s protection.

Reach out **every day** (by phone, text, letter, or when social distancing) and ask someone:

- How can I pray for you? Then pray for and with them right then!
- While walking (with social distancing) pray “onsite with insite” for the people and things around you. Every prayer counts!
- Share this prayer guide with others by email or giving them our website info:  
<https://www.burnthickory.com/prayer/>

### LENT BIBLE READINGS

*As we move through the Easter season, it has become our tradition at Burnt Hickory to prepare our hearts for Easter by turning to Jesus through the LENT Readings. You still have time to join us for April 5 – 11 and pray about Jesus’ life, death & His glorious resurrection. Click on: <https://www.burnthickory.com/prayer/>*

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### Passover April 8 – 16

As most of you are aware from the book of Exodus, *Passover* celebrates God freeing the Israelites from slavery and their exodus from Egypt 3,000+ years ago! God “passed over” the houses of the Jews during the 10th plague on the Egyptians. In remembrance of Passover, here are some suggestions for this year:

- There is an unprecedented gathering of global prayer streams coming together to pray for the harvest 24/7 APRIL 7-9. You are each invited to subscribe to receive the upcoming info so you can be a part of this initiative. Click [HERE](#) to subscribe.
- Anoint the door entrances to our homes- on the top and both sides of the doorframe with oil. If you do not have anointing oil, just plain olive oil is fine.
- Take red ribbons and pin/tape to your door posts, as a symbol of the blood that was placed over the doors of the Israelites’ homes for the 1<sup>st</sup> Passover. Let this be a sign to other that God is still able to deliver His people from any and everything. God LOVES us deeply! Jesus Christ is our HOPE!

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