

MEDIA

“... Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” Philippians 4:8

This past year has certainly illustrated how technology and social media can be a bane and a blessing. Previously we struggled with how families were more involved in the technology than each other, yet now it is through technology that families have been able to stay connected. God provided these tools for us to journey through this time of isolation, but we have always had one tool from the very beginning, **prayer**.

The old and the new can be weaved together to create a beautiful tapestry of comfort, peace, and faith. Prayer needs can be posted on social media, emailed, or texted, providing an opportunity for intercessory prayer. Inspiring stories on social media can be shared to provide a bright moment in the day for others. Other positive ways to impact the world through the media is to pray for those whose lives are adversely impacted by sadness, natural disasters, or other problems.

Especially during these unsettling days when distance has been the operative word, **media** has provided us with a way to reach others who are hurting and to reflect the love and healing of Jesus. **Media** can be the bridge that spans the chasm between sadness and hope.

Pray these words or others as you are led:

Almighty God,

We thank you for the freedoms of speech and the press and the tools you have equipped us with to stay connected to others and You. Please encourage us to share our stories of Your presence and work in our lives with others through social media. May these words be lovely and pure to provide hope and peace to those living in sadness. Open our eyes and ears to the pleas of distress whether in our family, community or on a larger stage by praying for those who are hurting and broken. May prayer always be our first response to provide hope.

Thy will be done. In Jesus' name.

Amen