

God IS With Us—So Trust, Act & Follow

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God will provide a place of rest for us, were we can commune (worship), and know that He will keep us safe—but all in the appropriate time. Right now God has given our political leaders the wisdom to give good advice: practice social distancing, keep washing our hands, not to touch our face so much and keep surfaces clean and disinfected in our homes. And we should listen!

This is one moment at least where we should take to heart Romans 13:5, "Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience." In this moment anyway, it really is the right thing to do.

May you be blessed with the peace of God,
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Psalm 91:2-4

² I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

³ Surely he will save you
from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴ He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find
refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield
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