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Neighborhoods and Nations

In the middle of a global crisis, you may feel like there's little you can do to help, but that isn't true! We have an incredible opportunity to be the people of God and let our gospel light shine in a dark season. Our Sending team wants to come alongside you and suggest ways you can impact your local community and people around the world. Here's how to pray and what you can do:

LOCAL

How to Pray

- Ask God how He would have you care for your neighbors around you.
- Ask that the Lord would allow the body of Christ to bring peace to the community amidst the chaos.

What to Do

- Write letters to your neighbors that include your phone number and ask how you can be praying for them or if they need anything. Leave it on their doorstep or in their mailbox. You can print [these ready-made cards](#) that have been shared across social media.
- Call people whom you know are stressed, anxious, or scared and ask if you can pray for them.
- LISD is going to have a big need trying to feed families that are in need. We are trying to put together a sustainable plan to care for those families.
- We desire to serve our community, both in caring for those in need and mobilizing those who desire to serve. We're working to create forms both for individuals who are in need in our area and for our members who want to serve. Our hope is that our church can work as the body of Christ to care for our community.

GLOBAL

How to Pray

- Ask God to stop the spread of disease in particularly affected countries like China, Iran, Italy, and Spain.
- Pray for God's peace to rest on those who have lost loved ones.
- Pray that the body of Christ in those places would bring peace, rest, and joy in the midst of chaos.
- Pray that many would trust in God and His name would be glorified in places where it is not.

What to Do

- Download Joshua Project's "Unreached of the Day" app.
 - *Each day, open the app with your household and read about the featured people group.*
 - *Consider how this crisis might affect the featured people group and pray for them.*
 - *In the app, indicate that you have prayed for the people group. Rejoice and be encouraged by the number of people joining you in prayer for them.*