

Daily Devotional by Dr. Gloria P. Holmes

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"Gateway to God's Glory in the Midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic"

"HEALTH AND HEALING"

"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well." 3 John 2:

Jesus is the Great Physician. With this worldwide health crisis occurring, we who know the power of prayer are fervently praying for health and healing. There is no question that God desires good health and healing for His people as stated in our verse for today. It is apparent that our world needs physical, mental, social and spiritual healing. As we pray, I know that we are very cognizant that we are living in a sin sick world. The stories and encounters of racism, police brutality, sexism, injustice, poverty, homelessness, and unthinkable acts of violence and hatred are bombarding us. This situation is the emphasis, I believe, in the popular verse 2 Chronicles 7:14: *"If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* Oh, my goodness, how much do we pray the God will heal the land? But the scripture begs the question. Are God's people humbling themselves; are we praying? Are we seeking God's face? Are we turning from our wicked ways? This is, of course, a conditional promise that the Lord will hear us, that He will forgive us, and that He will heal the land if we do as commanded. Everyone is not a Christian and many will not pray, but if enough of us continue to do our part, we most certainly will see God do as He has promised. God is not a God that He should lie. We are greatly indebted to medical professionals during this pandemic. Thank God for the nurses, doctors, respiratory therapists, rehabilitation specialists, and all the workers in nursing homes and other medical facilities. Thank God for all the support staff and our personal physicians who are outstanding. Let's remember to pray for their health and safety. We have already seen and heard some extraordinary stories as we experience this difficult season together. Thank God that You are Jehovah Rapha, our healer.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
We praise You and bow down
before You are asking that You
heal our world. You know what
each one of us stand in need of
and we are thankful that You are
Jehovah Rapha, our healer. In
Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

How will you respond to today's message?
