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Creative ways for Christians to help during the COVID-19 quarantine



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Creative ways to help

1. in your neighborhood

Chalk it up

Your drive way, sidewalk and any local trails are an opportunity to lay down some encouraging imagery. Bonus is that it doubles as a great family activity!

Ding dong ditch

Put a little package together that you know will bless your neighbors, drop it on their doorstep, hit the bell and book it.

Prayer walk

As you walk, think about the needs you know and the needs you don't. Lift those needs up in prayer. Highly recommended to keep your eyes open though!

Let them know

Put notes in local mailboxes letting them know that you are thinking of them and available to help if they need something like a grocery pick up or store run.

TP someone

We wouldn't recommend hanging it from their trees but dropping a few rolls of toilet paper off with a Bible verse could really make someone's day. *Probably avoid the verses about sins being wiped clean.*

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2. with your church

Let that preacher know

Going out of your way to let the leadership of your local church know that you appreciate them and the extra effort they are putting in right now will be a bigger blessing than you know!

Participate

Resist the temptation to attend church with the same level of engagement that you have for Netflix. Worship is a communal act. When it is time, be engaged.

Pray it up

Digital prayer groups are popping up everywhere. From Facebook groups to online prayer gatherings there are a lot of opportunities to seek God together.

Keep on giving

Giving is a first fruit and sacrificial. Your church and local non-profit need your committed tithes/special gifts more than ever during this time.

Invite others

It has never been easier to visit a church than it is right now. This is a great time to invite others to just “check it out” with you online.





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3. with your time

Make some masks

Have some crafty skills? You can make some face-masks. They don't have to be medical grade for everyday use and are a huge blessing with such a shortage!

Write some cards

Who doesn't love a real letter in their mailbox? Taking the time to write a note of encouragement to people near and far is a great way to share the love! You could also write a bunch – and drop them off for the nurses and staff at the nearest hospital.

Offer a hand

You may not be able to shake someone's hand but you can still lend a hand. So many skills can be shared from a distance: auto-repair, shopping trips, lawn maintenance and more. Offer to do a grocery run for an elderly person or someone at higher risk of COVID-19 complications.

Phone it in

It may no longer be the primary purpose of our phones but it really makes a difference when you take the time to reach out and listen. Also, we hear that scheduled facetime workouts are a thing. You can inspire someone else to stay fit and help yourself stay active too. Another idea is to set up a virtual game night.



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4. through your attitude

Live in hope, not in fear

Your attitude is contagious. Fear goes viral easily, but so does hope. As Christians we have a lot to be hope-filled about.

Be thankful

Lights shine the brightest when things are the darkest. Be a light in the circles you are in. Do this by avoiding a critical spirit and instead share every reason you can think of to be thankful. Be intentional to say “thank you” to those essential workers serving you.

Have a manna mindset

Be content with having enough for today and trust God for tomorrow. When the people of Israel wandered in the desert God provided enough for each day; no more and no less.

Make it fun

We don’t know what tomorrow will bring but we know who holds tomorrow. So, let’s make the best of the days we have and have some fun with those in our circles!

Tell them why

The Bible tells us to be ready to share the reason for the hope that we have. Have hope because of Jesus and when opportunity arises... share why!





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5. with your resources

Share what you have

In the book of Acts everyone shared what they had. We may not all have a lot, but we all have something. How can you share what you have to bless others who don't?

Send some love... and food

You may not be able to make a meal and deliver it. But you can order a meal and send it. This could be for a friend, a neighbor, or the family of a front-line medical worker and other essential workers.

Keep on giving

Worth repeating here. If you can, keep your giving commitments to your local church and charities. Most are actively doing front line care work and we don't want them distracted by the bottom line.

Pool our resources

Even if we all put a little in, we could make a big difference. Look for one of many funds being created to help front-line Gospel centered care. Help sustain local ministry efforts that are being strained by these times.

