

Servant leadership in the context of Coronavirus

Many medical staff have described their experience of this pandemic as like a tsunami. There is an unstoppable wave of pastoral and practical challenges facing church leaders. While in a few places the worst may be over, some countries are in the eye of the storm. For many others - the storm is gathering.



The Gift of Prayer and Peace

In times of anxiety we are to pray (Philippians 4:6-7) – for leaders who have to make difficult decisions (1 Timothy 2:1-2), for God to act, for each other, and especially for those who are vulnerable and suffering and for those who do not yet know God's peace (Jeremiah 29:7). At a time full of fear and anxiety Jesus, the Prince of Peace gives us His peace (John 14:27).

People in our neighbourhoods are looking for peace and will most likely discover it through Christians who display it. We are best able to serve others, when we bring to them a peaceful presence.

Serving in practice:

- Talk and pray with someone you trust about your own fears. Seek God for His peace, so that you can bring this into the lives of others who are anxious
- Offer prayer for people in your community; ask how you can pray for them (use social media, posters etc.)
- Mobilise the church to pray for people around them (using social media, video calls, etc.)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit – Romans 15:13.

