



April 3, 2020 - Prayer from Chaplain Venessa

As we begin our prayer time this afternoon, I invite you to pause for a few seconds and in your mind, answer this question:

What is one thing you really miss today? I know there might be many – but just focus on one.

Say it over two or three times in your thoughts. God, I miss_____.

Ezekiel 37:4-5

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

Almighty God breathe upon us. Open our ears to your word, bring life to our weary and dry souls.

We come together as a faith community who belongs to you Oh God and we look to you for comfort and peace. Be with us during this moment in time, we are wondering in the desert, but we are not forgotten, Dear Lord, we trust in the promise of your presence and the rest you give to us.

We have many prayers on our hearts. You know there are many needs, many hurts, too many losses. Meet us in our grief Oh God with a breath of peace.

We thank you God for blessing the Fowler Community with intelligent and caring people, and great leadership. Keep your arms around us, protect us, shield us from the virus, and allow the wind of your breath to blow away our fears and frustrations.

We pray for our community, for the many different challenges each resident's face. We pray for strength and courage to stay in now – so that we can be together once again – soon. Our hope comes from your faithfulness. Our faith lies in your steadfast love.

God, we breathe in your Spirit. Each person praying at this very moment has a longing on their heart, provide your peace to cover that desire, that one thing we miss so much. We give that longing to you God. We rejoice as we re-imagine our past and find thankfulness in that we belong to you.

Joel 2:28-29 "It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy; Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. "Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

As we close this prayer time Oh God, we need to hear a word from you, put into our minds the one word each of us need to hear, the one need that is satisfied by only you.

AMEN