

Appalachia Reach Out

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Prayer List For 2020

1. COVID-19 Pandemic.

Pray for Healthcare providers, first responders, and all other essential personnel.

2. Pray for the sick and those who have lost loved ones due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

3. Pray for all churches, ministries and those serving during the COVID-19.

"Praying ARO stands strong during this global pandemic. Knowing God will continue to use your efforts to impact the lives of the hurting in Appalachia."
– **Prayer received from a ministry partner.**

A Prayer for Our World

God, You alone are worthy of honor, glory, and praise. With You, we can overcome every storm—including the global impact COVID-19 is having on our world.

Right now, we are asking You to:

- Heal those who are sick and protect those who are not.
- Give our leaders extra wisdom as they navigate this pandemic and economic uncertainty.
- Strengthen Your global Church. Reveal to us how we can partner together to reach the needs of those around us.
- Calm our fears. Fill us with Your hope, joy, and peace as we continue to trust in You.
- Use this pandemic to pave the way for spiritual renewal. We want Your glory, power, and healing to be on display.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!

ARO Update During COVID-19 Pandemic

As with everyone else around the globe the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted ARO in a great way. We are still trying to walk through these uncertain times like everyone else in our country and world. Currently we're wading through these uncharted territories as we adjust to the new normal for now.

Work & Witness Teams

Almost 3 weeks ago the ARO Board of Directors made the difficult and right decision to shut down all Work & Witness teams through May 31. This knocked out 5 teams with a financial impact of around \$58,000 for our community. Currently, I'm working with teams who are on the calendar to arrive in June; it's a moving target, so please pray for us as we seek the right decision. Yesterday I received a call from the group leader of our largest Work & Witness team of the year notifying me they were cancelling their trip the end of June (This team would have had a local community financial impact of \$33,920).

ARO Thrift Store

On Wednesday, March 18, I made the decision to shut down the ARO Thrift Store, which generates 65% of our ministry revenue each year. We have been receiving some loads for the store, but we're halting all of these deliveries because we are fully stocked and ready to reopen when we're given the green light. We are thankful and praising the Lord for this blessing. – (continue story on pg. 2)

"Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in ALL your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6



**Mount Vernon Nazarene
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Thanks!

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ARO Food Pantry

ARO is still providing food each week through our food pantry. Currently, it's a drive through process instead of local residents coming in and picking out their food. The store is continuing to make adjustments as we do our part to help those who need food during this time. Also, ARO has made some food deliveries to those who are afraid to journey out due to poor health conditions.

ARO Other Areas of Ministry

Currently, I'm working with the Martin County Ministerial Association, Martin County Schools and other local agencies to represent ARO and help however needed during this time. – *Dwayne P. Mills, ARO, Executive Director*

We Don't Lose Hope

I Thessalonians 4:13 is a passage which has been used at many funerals and life celebration services in my years serving in ministry. As I was walking through one of my days this week, the Lord laid on my heart this passage, "...we do not grieve like people who have no hope." If we believe God's Word and serve a God who is on the throne, our Hope has a name, it's Jesus! During these uncertain times, the Lord is helping me each morning when my feet hit the floor to not lose sight; I live in Hope each day. As I lean into Hope, I'm embracing the passage of Proverbs 3:5-6, which has become my life verse since I stepped into the role of Executive Director at ARO. I'm always amazed at the way God prepares His followers for these times in life. I will TRUST in Him as I live in Hope each day. This is my prayer for you as well. You are loved! – *Dwayne P. Mills, Executive Director*

ARO Needs Your Financial Support!

Please know ARO values each ministry partner. Your prayer and financial support is vital to our ongoing impact each month of the year, especially in this time of uncertainty. Please know you can now give online through our website or mail it to the address to the left. If you have any questions or need any updates, please feel free to reach out to our Executive Director, Dwayne Mills, via email. His email address is dwayne.p.mills@gmail.com.



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