

## **Day 241 – Monday, November 16, 2020**

We live in hope! That is a hallmark of our faith...that tomorrow things will be better. Yesterday I heard a piece of good news on the radio, regarding COVID 19. Yesterday morning on the news, they were talking about the vaccine. They were talking about possible implementation of the vaccine by the summer of 2021. Now whether there is a vaccine or not, whether it is effective or not, or whether you will even take it or not, the fact is they are making progress. It may not be an answer, it may not put a stop to COVID 19, but it will definitely slow it down. We are making progress.

Now the question will be whether we can keep the numbers down. All over the country the numbers are climbing at an alarming rate. By summer a vaccine may be a moot point. If the numbers keep climbing at the present rate, most of the population will have already gotten COVID 19. I have also noticed that the death rate has dropped. I am not sure if they have better treatments, or the first wave took all the vulnerable, and seniors. (We are not hearing as many seniors' homes being epicenters of outbreaks.) But nationwide and worldwide the death rate has been dropping.

I will be the first to admit that I do not have a crystal ball, and I cannot see into the future, and I am not sure what will happen. What I do know is that we need to pray. We need to pray that sanity prevails. We need to pray that people will not panic. We need to pray that God will give us the strength and wisdom to get through all this.

I would ask you to pray with me.

Heavenly Father, we place the whole world in your care. Be with us as we struggle through this pandemic. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to guide us, as we make our way to you.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

“Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, champagne in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming “WOO HOO what a ride!” (Hunter S. Thompson)

Sincerely,  
Fr. Jim Kaptein