

Day 190 – Saturday, September 25 –An Update

It has been quite some time since we have had an update of COVID 19, So to that end I offer the chart below, that I was able to glean from: <https://corona.help/> Please note that I have changed the interval period to shorten the list. International we are not getting a grip, nationally we have lost ground in the last few weeks, and provincially there has been a slight upturn in the last couple few weeks.

All this points to the long haul. If you look at any of the graphs, even those places that had appeared to flatten the curve have seen upswings in the last few weeks. I have a feeling it is going to get worse before it gets better. That's the bad news. The good news is that we have been getting better at dealing with it. Let us pray for those who are working towards vaccines.

Internationally the rate of increase has slowly increased.

1,000,000 th person – April 4	
5,000,000 th person – May 20	47 days later
10,000,000 person – June 27	38 days later
15,000,000 person – July 21	24 days later
20,000,000 th person – Aug 9	20 days later
25,000,000 th person – Aug 29	20 days later
30,000,000 th person – Sept 16	18 days later

In Canada the rate is the total number has not leveled off, but recently an upsurge

10,000 th person – April 2	
30,000 th person – April 16	14 days later
60,000 th person – May 3	17 days later
90,000 th person – May 29	26 days later
120,000 th person – Aug 6	68 days later
150,000 th person – Sept 24	49 days later

If you look at the graph on Saskatchewan, we are not doing great, but better than most places

100 th person – March 28	
200 th person – April 2	5 days later
300 th Person – April 13	11 days later
400 th person – May 1	18 days later
500 th person – May 6	6 days later
600 th person – May 21	15 days later
700 th person – June 18	28 days later
800 th person – July 6	18 days later
900 th person – July 16	10 days later
1000 th person – July 22	6 days later
1100 th person – July 25	3 days later
1200 th person – July 27	2 days later
1300 th person – July 30	3 days later
1400 th person – Aug 7	8 days later
1500 th person – Aug 13	6 days later
1600 th person – Aug 23	10 days later
1700 th person – Sept 12	20 days later
1800 th person – Sept 20	8 days later

A STORY TO PUT THINGS INTO PERSPECTIVE

DANDELIONS

A man who took great pride in his lawn found himself with a large crop of dandelions. He tried every method he knew to destroy them. Still they plagued him.

Finally he wrote the Department of Agriculture. He enumerated all the things he had tried and closed his letter with the question: "What shall I do now?"

In due course the reply came: "We suggest you learn to love them."

I was proud of my lawn but I too was plagued with dandelions that I kept fighting with every means in my power. So learning to love them was no easy task.

I began by talking to them each day. Cordial. Friendly. They maintained a sullen silence. They were smarting from the war I had waged against them — and were suspicious of my motives.

But the day came when they smiled. And relaxed. And we started to be friends.

My lawn, of course, was ruined. But how attractive my garden became!

He was becoming blind by degrees. And he fought it with every means in his power. When medicine gave out, he fought it with his emotions. It took courage to say, "I suggest you learn to love your blindness."

At first he would have nothing to do with it. And when he eventually brought himself to speak to his blindness his words were bitter. But he kept on speaking till the bitterness became resignation and tolerance and acceptance and, one day, much to his own surprise, friendliness... and love. Then came the day when he was able to put his arm around his blindness and say, "I love you." That was the day I saw him smile again.

His vision, of course, was lost forever. But how attractive his face became!

In the light of eternity, we're here for a very short time, really. We're here for one thing, ultimately: to learn how to love, because God is love. - James Finley

Sincerely,
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