

## **Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> - Coping with Covid - Morning**

**Laugh it off:** While driving one day, Erin noticed a child in the car in the next lane, holding up a handwritten sign that read "Help." As she thought of what she could do, the car passed her, and she glanced at it as it went by. The little boy held up the same sign and this time followed it with another, which read "My mother is singing!"

**God's Comfort: Prov 5:21-23** 21 For your ways are in full view of the Lord, and he examines all your paths. 22 The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare them; the cords of their sins hold them fast. 23 For lack of discipline they will die, led astray by their own great folly. **Psalms 17:3-5** 3 Though you probe my heart, though you examine me at night and test me, you will find that I have planned no evil; my mouth has not transgressed. 4 Though people tried to bribe me, I have kept myself from the ways of the violent through what your lips have commanded. 5 My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not stumbled.

**Pray Daily – God is easy to talk to:** Lord, we know that your love is unlike any other, so when the world around us is swirling and broken, thank you for being true, kind, and a foundation to lean on. We also know that your Spirit is with those who trust in you. For any families who are facing overwhelming worry or don't know where to turn for hope, we pray for you to send them your Spirit. In your kindness, would you open their hearts to see you and experience the peace and kindness that you give so freely? In the strong and kind name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

### **National Day Today (July 11)**

All American Pet Photo Day, Bald is in Day, Bowdler's Day, Carver Day, Cheer Up the Lonely Day, Day of the Five Billion, Grange Day, Make Your Own Sundae, Blueberry Muffin Day, Rainier Cherries Day, Slurpee Day or 7-11's Birthday, Miniature Golf Day, World Population Day.

**Coloring Page:** Need a pastor? Jim Brewster at [Gladtodoit@gmail.com](mailto:Gladtodoit@gmail.com) or 202-557-8097.



## Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> - Coping with Covid - Noon

**Laugh it off:** When I arrived for my daughter's parent-teacher conference, the teacher seemed a bit flustered, especially when she told me that Jill didn't always pay attention in class and was sometimes flighty. "For example, she'll do the wrong page in the workbook," the teacher explained, "and I've even found her sitting at the wrong desk." "I don't understand where Jill could have gotten that," I replied defensively. The teacher then reassured me that Jill was still doing fine in school and was sweet and likable. Finally, after a pause, she added, "By the way, Mrs. Gulbrandsen, our appointment was for tomorrow."

**God's Comfort: Matthew 21:42-46** 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes"? 43 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. 44 Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. 46 They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

**Historical Perspective (July 11):** 1767 - John Quincy Adams born – 6<sup>th</sup> President. 1804 - Alexander Hamilton killed in duel with Aaron Burr. 1838 - John Wanamaker born – Philadelphia Dept Store. 1899 - E.B. White born. 1914 - Babe Ruth debut with Red Sox. 1915 - Yul Brynner born. 1918 - Enrico Caruso recorded "Over There" written. 1931 - Tab Hunter born. 1951 - Bonnie Pointer born - Pointer Sisters. 1953 - Leon Spinks born. 1955 - Air Force Academy dedicated. 1964 – Supremes release Where Did Our Love Go? 1967 - Kenny Rogers formed The First Edition. 1969 - The Rolling Stones released Honky Tonk Woman. 1985 - Nolan Ryan – Astros - first pitcher 4,000 career strikeouts. 2008 - Apple iPhone 3G released.

**Writing for Fun:** Idyll (Idyl) - Poetry that depicts a peaceful, idealized country scene. Using up 100 words write an Idyll peaceful, idealized country (farm, lake, stream, mountain) scene

<p><b>Sample Idyll:</b> The grass covered hill sloped easily to the lake Cows and goats did easily their thirst slake Wind rippled the tall grass un-mowed Following the ground to the water it flowed When the water the breeze did meet Little waves lapped the animal's feet The wind had pushed the flies away Neither animals felt the need to bray The sun played hide and seek with clouds above In the shafts of light flitted doves.</p>	<p><b>Your Idyll:</b></p>
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