

## **Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> - Coping with Covid - Morning**

**Laugh it off:** I stopped off at the super-market to buy my son-in-law his favorite pie, sour cream raisin. The box had the \$15 price stamped on the top, which I thought would be tacky on a gift, so I asked the man behind the counter for a marker to black out the price. Didn't work - you could still see the price through the ink. "I know what to do," the man said. "I'll cover it up." And with that, he slapped a sticker over the price that read "\$2.98 Day Old."

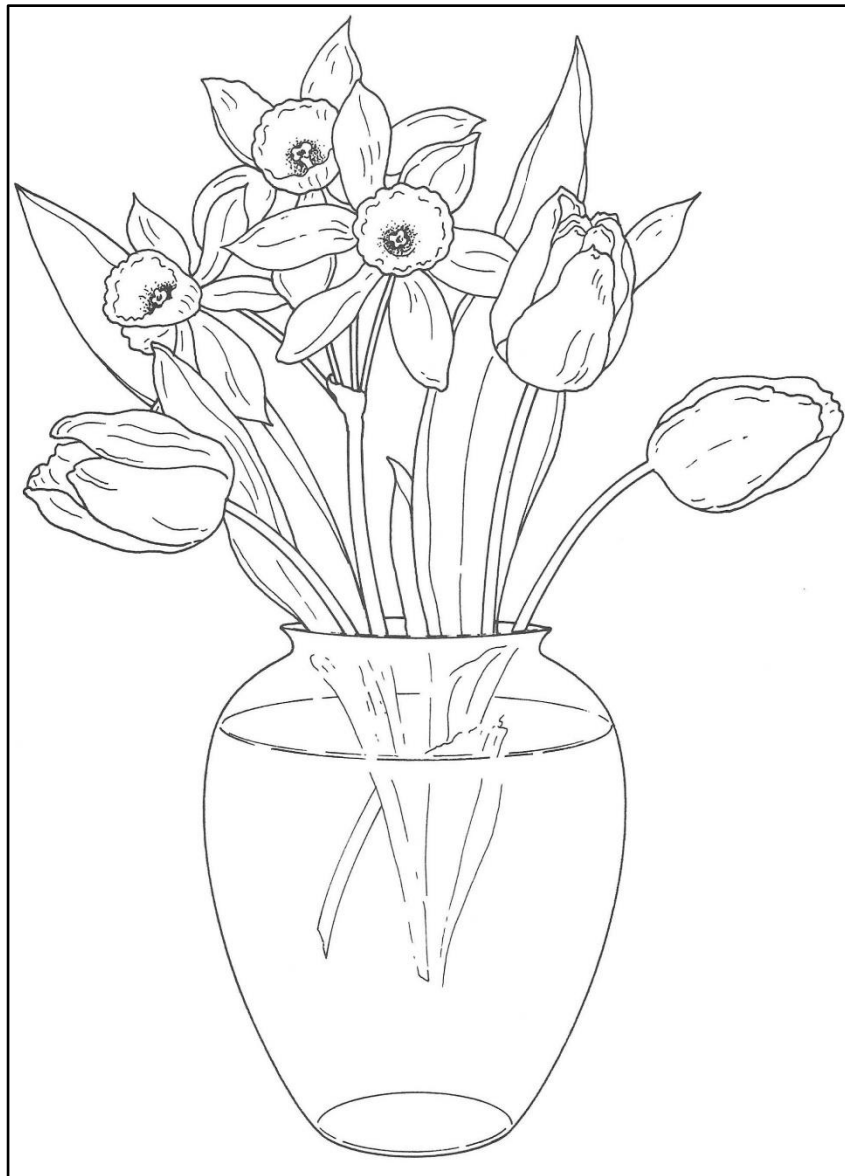
**God's Comfort: Prov 10:16-19** The wages of the righteous is life, but the earnings of the wicked are sin and death. 17 Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray. 18 Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips and spreads slander is a fool. 19 Sin is not ended by multiplying words, but the prudent hold their tongues.

**Psalms 19:10-14** They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. 11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. 12 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. 13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. 14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

**Pray Daily – God is easy to talk to:** O God, who in this wondrous sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion; grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood, that we may ever continue to feel within ourselves the blessed fruit of thy redemption. Who livest and reignest God, for ever and ever. - St. Thomas Aquinas.

**National Day Today (July 21)** Invite an Alien to Live With You Day, Legal Drinking Age Day. Lowest Recorded Temperature Day (-128.6 F Antarctica), Monkey Day, Be Someone Day, Craft for Your Local Shelters Day, Junk Food Day, Lamington Day, Tug of War Tournament Day, No Pet Store Puppies Day, Take a Monkey to Lunch Day.

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## Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> - Coping with Covid - Noon

**Laugh it off:** I saw a sign that said, "Watch for children" and I thought, "That sounds like a fair trade". -- During an anti-harassment seminar at work, I asked, "What's the difference between harassment and good-natured teasing?" A co-worker shouted, "A million dollars."

**God's Comfort: Matthew 24:36-44** 36 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. 42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

**Historical Perspective (July 21) 1899** - Ernest Hemingway born. **1920** - Isaac Stern born. **1924** - Don Knotts born. **1925** - Scopes "Monkey Trial" ended. **1930** - Veterans Administration established. **1938** - Janet Reno born. **1944** - American forces land on Guam WWII. **1948** - Garry Trudeau born - "Doonesbury." **1951** - Robin Williams born. **1957** - Althea Gibson - First black woman to win Women's National clay-court singles competition. **1968** - Brandi Chastain born - Soccer player. **1968** - Arnold Palmer - First golfer \$1M career earnings. **1969** - Duke Ellington performs "Moon Maiden" on ABC one day after Neil Armstrong walked on moon. **1999** - Charley Pride - Hollywood Walk of Fame star.

**Writing for Fun:** Use these 8 words (recreate, enflame, soothe, low, flat, cappuccino, beer, hamburger) in a 100 word piece. Use them in any order you prefer.

**Sample 8 Words:** "Let's **recreate** the event," said the officer. "Okay, I was sitting here," said the customer. "The waitress was standing there. I asked her what was good. She said, 'Depends what you want, **cappuccino, hamburger, or beer.**' She was snotty and it **enflamed** me. I answered in a **low, flat** voice, but my rage was evident. She left in a huff, went to the manager, and quit. He tried to **soothe** her and get her to stay. She was having none of it and stormed out. She was in such an all fired rush she didn't notice the truck . . ."

**Your 8 Words:**

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## Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> - Coping with Covid - Supper

**Laugh it off:** The teenager lost a contact lens while playing basketball in his driveway. After a brief, fruitless search, he gave up. His mother took up the cause and within minutes found the lens. "How did you do that?" he asked. "We weren't looking for the same thing," she explained. "You were looking for a small piece of plastic. I was looking for \$150."

**God's Comfort: Genesis 24:12-16** 12 Then he prayed, "Lord, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. 13 See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. 14 May it be that when I say to a young woman, 'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too'—let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master." 15 Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milkah, who was the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor. 16 The woman was very beautiful, a virgin; no man had ever slept with her. She went down to the spring, filled her jar, and came up again.

### **Quotes/Other Wisdom:**

"Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows, but only empties today of its strength." - Charles Spurgeon

"I buried a lot of my ironing in the back yard." - Phyllis Diller

"No man is much good unless he believes in God and obeys His laws." - Lord Baden-Powell

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### Yellow Things

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BANANA	EGG YOLK	POPCORN
CANARY	JASMINE	PRIMROSE
CHEESE	LEMON	SAFFRON
CHICK	MAIZE	SPONGE
CORN ON THE COB	MARIGOLD	THE SUN
COWSLIP	MELON	TULIP
CROCUS	MUSTARD	YARROW
DUCKLING	PINEAPPLE	YELLOW-HAMMER



*The only people for me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn like fabulous yellow Roman candles.*

Jack Kerouac