

March 28, 2020

My Brothers and Sisters in the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community -

These are extraordinary times! I never imagined a situation like the one we are now experiencing!

The Board has held two online meetings in the last 10 days and has decided we will have a Prayer Vigil patterned after the one we hold for each Walk in place of our regular April Gathering.

It will run from 5 pm Thursday, April 2 – 5 pm Sunday, April 5. You can go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4cadaf29a0ff2-bvec1> to sign up for one or more slots. To claim a slot, find the first time you wish. Click the box to the right of the time. Then go to the bottom of your screen and click “Submit and Sign Up.” You will then be taken to a page where you will be asked to fill in your name and email address. Then click the “Sign Up Now” box, and your name will appear in the slot you have selected. If you wish to pray another time, repeat the process.

It has been set up so two people can sign up for each slot, so that means we have 144 slots available. If it fills up, we will add more slots – we can never have too many people praying!

We invite you to be in prayer for:

- All those who are infected with the virus
- All those out of work due to the pandemic
- Our government officials that they may have the wisdom needed for this time
- Our Emmaus Community that these hardships will strengthen it and increase its vitality
- Our Reunion Groups that they will grow and benefit more members of our Community in their service to Christ
- All our Emmaus brothers and sisters who are affected by the situation
- Our church pastors and leadership
- Our brothers and sisters in our local churches
- God to have mercy on us and bring this virus under control.
- All those shut-ins in nursing homes or hospitals who cannot have direct contact with their loved ones.
- Wisdom to know how to be God’s loving servants
- Love to respond to needs we see

I would also urge you to maintain and strengthen your activities within your Reunion Groups during this time. Set up online video meetings, phone meetings, chat meetings – whatever works best for your group! When possible, get a small group together in a setting where you can practice social distancing, but still experience the real benefits of

direct interaction with your friends in the Community! And if you are not part of a Reunion Group, what better time to get involved! Contact information for our Reunion Groups is posted at <http://www.bvemmaus.org/reuniongrps.html>.

The new Ministry Manager web site does not permit emailing, and our lists are not completely up to date, so please reach out to those you know in the Community and help get them involved in this prayer vigil as well. They may not have gotten the word!

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