

Noontime Prayer (transcript)

0:00

good morning everybody welcome to church

0:02

by the bed this morning I'd like to take

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a few minutes and just give a brief

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devotional that comes from Saint Paul's

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letter to the Philippians because we all

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need a word for the Lord and I hope you

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can hear in Paul's voice what is

0:17

important from Philippians chapter 4

0:22

verse 4 rejoice in the Lord always again

0:25

I will say rejoice

0:28

let your gentleness be known to everyone

0:31

the Lord is near do not worry about

0:35

anything but in everything by prayer and

0:37

supplication with Thanksgiving let your

0:40

requests be made known to God and the

0:43

peace of God which passes all

0:45

understanding will guard your hearts and

0:48

minds in Christ Jesus

0:52

finding beloved whatever is true

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whatever is honorable whatever is just

0:58

whatever is pure whatever is easy

1:01

whatever is commendable if there is any
1:05
excellence and if there's anything
1:07
worthy of praise think about these
1:09
things keep on doing the things that you
1:13
have learned at the scene and heard and
1:15
seen in me and the God of peace will be
1:18
with you as we hear these words you're
1:24
going to notice that I've dressed a
1:25
little bit
1:26
that's because I want to take a moment
1:28
today and speak to the first responders
1:31
and have us be a little bit more aware
1:34
of all that they are going through this
1:37
morning I've had a chance to go to roll
1:39
all and Somers Point Police Department
1:42
then I stopped at a quarter township
1:45
police department and I will stop at a
1:46
few more during the course of today just
1:49
to pray with the officers and give them
1:53
a word of encouragement the reason I do
1:57
that is because it sometimes is a
1:59
thankless job and especially when we are
2:01
packed this is a time when we are
2:05

panicked and yet I think to myself how
2:09
many of us have a refrigerator full of
2:11
food how many of us have things that we
2:16
can keep our time occupied with how many
2:18
of us have a computer or an iPhone or a
2:21
cellular phone
2:23
and connect with people we care about
2:26
these are what Paul is talking about
2:29
that we have to keep in prayer and we
2:32
have to keep thanking God for what we
2:34
have because as we thank
2:38
we become more aware of what is coming
2:44
our way
2:45
today as we thank God for first
2:48
responders for the police the fire and
2:51
EMS that are on the streets 24/7
2:54
protecting us I want us to be very
2:58
vigilant that our attitude is that of
3:02
gratitude that we feel the peace of God
3:06
which comes from being thankful for what
3:09
we have because today in the United
3:12
States were hurting were panicked were
3:16
feeling a sense of dread and I'm hearing
3:22

some of the preachers preach doomsday
3:26
and I'm sorry
3:30
because God will get us we need to keep
3:34
on thank you nothing we need to keep on
3:36
crazy done and more importantly we need
3:39
to keep on praying so I'm going to
3:41
invite you then at noon today you pray
3:44
with us and with the whole world
3:48
Pope Francis Bishop Currie have put out
3:53
a call to prayer today and let's all
3:59
pray the Lord's
4:01
if there's anything you need if there's
4:04
anything you want to donate to help help
4:08
others please give the church a call our
4:12
phone number is six oh nine six five two
4:16
zero two four six
4:18
nothing pray with you gracious and
4:21
loving God we give you thanks today for
4:24
all the blessings we have in this
4:25
country for the ability to connect with
4:28
others for the opportunities to pray
4:31
freely for the warmth of our homes for
4:33
the refrigerator's with food for the
4:36

ability to cook and God especially today

4:39

for the ability to connect with each

4:41

other in spite of this virus bless us as

4:45

we go forward bless us as we call upon

4:49

your name gasping thanking and being

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ever-present before we pray this in

4:56

Jesus name Amen

4:58

have a great day