



*A blessing to our alumni, in any of their  
capacities, during a pandemic*

**To those who serve**

In hospitals, in doctors' offices

In patients' rooms, rest homes, emergency rooms, quarantine

Carrying clipboards, stethoscopes, protective equipment; burdens

Reaching out, pulling close; pushing away, distancing—

*When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him*

*and he sat on it. They held his hands up—one on one side, one on the*

*other—so that his hands remained steady. – Exodus 17:12*

**That you will have help to uplift you, and a rock on which to rest.**

**To those who support**

In grocery stores, in pharmacies

Delivering supplies and materials; delivering sustenance and hope

Whose own routines have become, for others, lifelines

Only lightly thanked, though relied upon heavily—

*Then the LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times,*

*“Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is*

*listening.” – 1 Samuel 3:10*

**That your health and strength is preserved, and that your work  
reaches beyond those you serve.**

**To those who research**

In laboratories, in clinics, in libraries

Working in front of microscopes, patients; working behind masks,

gloves; working through exposure, exhaustion

Seeking to advance knowledge, eager to extend life

Wholly serving through mind, hands, and heart—

*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of*

*God's hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night*

*they display knowledge. – Psalm 19:1-2*

**That your research is an act of love, yielding progress, hope, and life.**

**To those afflicted**

With loneliness, worry, frustration, fear; with disease

At home—with family; at home—alone; at work, at rest, in recovery

Living and dying through what is known and what remains unknown

Facing shortages, facing uncertainty, facing loved ones, facing fears—

*I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.*

*In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome*

*the world. – John 16:33*

**That you will face your afflictions strengthened by a hope that fills  
you with peace, and a peace that transcends understanding.**