

## **Devotion written by Emma Yeager**

### **A Call to Peace and Unity**

It would be absurd to begin by denying the difficulty of the present times. The past weeks have been filled with chaos and uncertainty. In the midst of these uncharted, unprecedented waters, I must urge you to fight the impulse ingrained in humankind that causes us to cower from what is unfamiliar and unknown. The call to fear is a call that many have been answering during this time. However, fear is a liar. Fear comes from the Prince of Lies: Satan himself. During these times of chaos, we must remember Whom we serve as Christians. Philippians 4:7 says "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Today, there are many things bombarding our hearts and minds even while quarantined at home. Our digital world of news, social media, and television rarely promote peace and unity through Christ Jesus. As fellow Christians, let us challenge each other to make an effort to consciously fill our minds with the peace of God instead of the chaos taking place in the world. Christians cannot be voices of peace in our communities unless we ourselves have found and are actively in tune with The Voice of Peace. It is incumbent upon each one of us, as members of the global church, to stand in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. How, you may ask, are we to go about answering our call to unity if we cannot physically interact with fellow believers? Prayer is the answer. It is the way to the peace which passes all understanding as well as the means of uniting the Church. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." "My people" is plural. I urge you, along with the global church, to bend the knee before God and pray that He would send revival to our world during these times. The only way to peace and the healing of our land is if we, the church, bend the knee before God and ask him for it. Consider the two calls awaiting your action during these times of chaos. Will you answer the call to fear and anxiety or the call to peace and unity? I urge you again, fellow believers, to answer the latter. We do not live in the world of Captain America and his fellow Avengers who save the day when humanity is threatened. If you want to save the world, it starts with two knees on the floor in petition of the One who can save it.