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"Have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father" (Colossians 1:11b–12).



As you know, the last few months have brought new challenges for all of us as the world combats the coronavirus (COVID-19). Most of us have lived through a national or global crisis of some kind, such as 9/11, the Cuban Missile Crisis, or perhaps even WWII, but that doesn't necessarily make these events less faith-building or surreal. Understandably, these times can be difficult and frightening, but I want you to know that we at Ronald Blue Trust are in this with you—every step of the way.

The news reports are sometimes overwhelming to read or listen to and the stores beginning to re-open can be unsettling. Walking in faith may be difficult when we can't fully grasp or understand what's happening around us. We can, however, find peace and comfort when we choose to look up instead of only looking around us.



When disasters strike, we can allow them to paralyze us, or we can pick ourselves up, honor those who've lost their lives, and find ways to help our neighbors in need. Right now, we all have many neighbors in need—older adults who may not be able to get out to buy their groceries, students who are not in school to receive the free or reduced lunches that they depend on, and healthcare workers who are working tirelessly to care for those who are sick. I encourage you to look for ways in your local community to help others during this time. The needs are truly great. I continue to be amazed by the stories our advisors share

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of the incredible ways our clients are blessing others through these circumstances we are all facing together.

My prayer for each of you is the same that Paul prayed for the people of Colossae in Colossians 1:9–14, *“We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light. For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”*

Uncertainty is certain. Christ warned us that we will have trouble. We will face another crisis. Though we can’t fully grasp all of the forces that are at work in the world today, we can be sure of this—we can confidently walk in faith and not fear because the Lord of Lords is with us. The victory has already been won.

God bless each of you!

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