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*Care for Our Common Home***

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As I am writing this our Premier, Doug Ford, has just declared a state of emergency in Ontario. Commerce is shutting down. We are told to keep 2 meters between each of us. It has been labelled “#socialdistancing.”

This pandemic makes it extremely difficult to reach out to those in need. But not impossible. Phone calls work, Skype and FaceTime. Sending cards and notes via snail mail or email. Leaving notes at a neighbour's house whom you think may be alone, like an elderly person who shouldn't or can't get out. Even text messages are excellent ways to stay connected. And Facebook connects us as well.

Even though we need to isolate ourselves while we try to flatten this pandemic we are fortunate enough to have technology to keep us connected. I'm trying to visit and call members of my family, extended family and friends as well as our CWL sisters.

No, God did not create us to be alone. It started with Adam when He created Eve. ***Genesis 2:18 Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make a helper fit for him”.***

All throughout the Bible we are told that God is always with us, He will never leave us alone.

***Psalm 23:4 “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me”.***

And our Lord tells us there is strength in numbers.

***Matthew 18:20 “For where 2 or three gather in my name, there I am with them”.***

So if God our Father wants us to gather together to strengthen each other then it is Satan who wants us isolated to tear us down.

Reaching out to those who are alone, wishing others well or letting someone know that we are crying with them is thwarting Satan’s plan to isolate us and destroy our faith in God our Father, the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Stay safe, wash your hands, stay connected.

May God bless you in all you do.

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