

# Faith In Practice

## Life Changing Medical Mission

### This Morning's Early Light



In this morning's early light, I read, *"I am here, Lord, to do your will."* Immediately what comes to mind are the healthcare workers across the U.S. and the world who opened their eyes this morning and wished that they did not have to rise, with less-than-adequate protective equipment, and place themselves, their family members, at risk. And, yet they left their homes to care for the sick, the dying, the afraid. I thought of all public health officials to whom the world is looking for certainty when there are too few answers. Of those in research labs, who are working beyond capacity knowing it is not enough.

All of those who are rising each morning and choosing each day, each moment, to act against their instincts of self-preservation, beyond their personal capacities, and saying, 'Regardless of the cost, no matter how tired I am, no matter how afraid, I am here to serve, to bring comfort, to save.' *"I am here, Lord, to do your*

### Franciscans to Hold Special Mass



Share a moment of silence on **Monday, March 30, at 12:00 pm CST** when the Franciscan Brotherhood offers up a private mass for Faith In Practice, our volunteers and staff, and all those who are suffering in the United States.

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*will.*” We are grateful for, in awe of, their sacrifices, their courage. But for us, it is even more personal.

For more than twenty-five years, Faith In Practice healthcare volunteers from across the United States have traveled to Guatemala with these same words on their lips, *“I am here, Lord, to do your will.”* They have given their intellect, their skill, and above all their hearts to those in need in Guatemala. They have given all without reservation. Father Henri Nouwen writes, *“Servanthood is God’s self-revelation.”* Our U.S. volunteers have given their all, surpassed their comfort zones, risked their hearts, and served. In them, we have seen God revealed in thousands of ways. And, now they are doing it again. Serving. Witnessing. Whispering each day, *“I am here, Lord, to do your will.”*

For us, our U.S. volunteers are not the ‘healthcare profession’. They are family.

You are family. We know your stories, and you know ours. Our stories are forever interwoven. There have been so many moments of joy and of sorrow. Moments of miracle and of defeat. Moments that have formed us and bound us together as one in God’s love.

So, we want you to know that while we may be far from each of you physically, we are praying for you daily. A specific staff member, either in Guatemala or the U.S., is praying over you and this mission each and every day. And, we are encouraging all of you to send in your prayer requests which will be kept confidential so that we might be more intentional with those daily prayers. We welcome all of you, the Faith In Practice family, to send in your requests. We are also praying for all those who are serving across this world and in Guatemala, those suffering the effects of this virus, but know we are praying specifically, intentionally, for you.

### ***This Morning's Early Light***

In this morning’s early light, I then read the missal’s gospel. Jesus’ prayer for his disciples. On the night he kneels to wash their feet, offer them bread and wine, on the night he falls to his knees in anguish, betrayed, abandoned, he prays. For them. But, as I read, I hear his voice and know that he is praying for us with these words, *“Holy Father, protect, in your name, those who you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”*

## **Let Us Pray for You**



We invite you to share your concerns with our team who will be praying over your requests daily. Send them to [prayer@faithinpractice.org](mailto:prayer@faithinpractice.org).

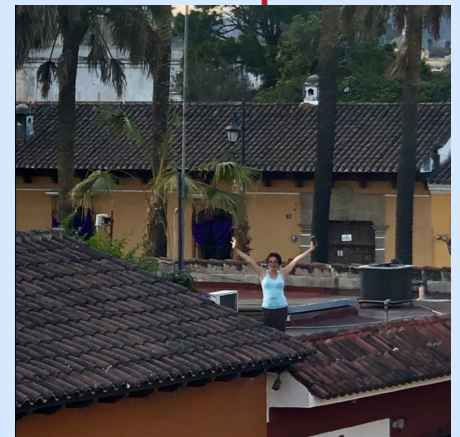
## **Dr. John Zerwas on Covid Task Force**



Faith In Practice board member Dr. John Zerwas is stepping up like he always does!

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## **Guatemala Update**



Father Nouwen writes, *“In prayer we meet Christ, and in him all human suffering.”* So, as we kneel to pray for you all, may we trust that in prayer we shall meet Jesus, the One who prays for us. May we trust that he shall join our hearts with yours, with his, and with all human suffering during these unfathomable days.

For surely it is in prayer that we shall meet each other and meet our suffering Lord. He, the One who has suffered every pain, every fear, before us, with us. The One who shall lead us through these dark days into new light, life, and love, just as he did when he stumbled under the weight of the cross. Just as he did, when he rose to new life.

May we draw strength from his strength. May we hope in his Easter’s dawning yet to come. May we trust in him as his people, his beloved, for whom he prays, *“Holy Father, protect, in your name, those who you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”*

With a heart filled with hope and with gratitude for each of you, now more than ever before,

Rev. Linda L. McCarty  
President & CEO

*On Monday, March 30, at 12:00 pm Central Standard Time, the Franciscan Brotherhood in Antigua will hold a special private mass for Faith In Practice, our volunteers and staff, and those who are suffering in the United States.*

*Please consider stopping at that time and to pray with them and with us. And, may we all receive the blessing of these gentle and faithful souls as they lift us up to the One who heals all wounds.*

[Forward to a Friend](#)

Ivonne Anzueto, longtime friend of Faith In Practice, on her roof in Antigua. Picture taken by a neighbor, as they communicate in the midst of the stay-at-home order.

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## Women's Luncheon Rescheduled



The coronavirus is making it impossible for us to gather on April 24, but it cannot stop us forever! Our luncheon, **Hearts Made Whole**, has a new date: Friday, **May 7, 2021**.

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