

During this pandemic, how do we see the hand of God at work in our lives?

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We know that the hand of God is always at work and is working in our lives due to the fact that God is sovereign over all our life. We may make plans, but God determines His own steps. God's sovereign reign extends from the rise and fall of kings and nations to the very numbering of our days and the hairs on our heads. In each of our lives, God's hand is not only always moving, but it is always moving for our ultimate good. However, this does not mean that all the things that happen to us are good in themselves, but that God works through them for the good. This can certainly be very difficult to understand in our current situation. When we realize that the ultimate good for each of us is not necessarily an external earthly comfort, we recognize that we must have an internal conformity to the image and likeness of Jesus.

God's movement in our life is most often seen through His Word and His Spirit. The Word of God and the working of the Holy Spirit can strengthen our faith and increase God's grace within us. The hand of God is at work in the trials, temptations, and hardships of our lives. God uses these difficult times to remove impurities in our lives, like a refiner uses the furnace to purify gold or silver. The love of God seeks our holiness, and sometimes, God disciplines His children in order to do that. At times, God afflicts us in order to teach us to be dependent upon Him.

Can we see God's hand at work in our lives? Are we allowing God to enter into our hearts and minds? Are we open to the truth of God's Word? Do we recognize the work of God in His blessings? Do we see even in sorrow and trials of affliction that God is working through them, too? God's hand is at work most clearly in His Son, Jesus Christ, who has been raised from the dead and is revealed to those who love God. The glory of God shines through the risen Christ, and this should provide the clearest reality of God's hand at work in each of our lives.

Don't lose hope, keep the faith, and continue to pray. God is with us until the end of the world. Pray the rosary every day!

In Christ,

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