



## Prayer Letter January-March 2020

We are in the middle of a very critical situation. As you may know, the *coronavirus* has come to Spain with high virulence. In the beginning, the virus was in China, then in Italy, and now it is in our country. Though it is now almost everywhere, we are currently the third worst hit country in the world. We are confined to our homes. As of today, March 16, there are 9,437 persons infected in Spain. Out of all of them, 8,571 are still active with the virus, 336 have died, and 530 persons have recovered.



Our government established an “alarm status” last Saturday. No schools or universities of any kind are allowed to be open. Restaurants, amusement parks, theaters, museums, commercial shops, and malls are all closed. In Madrid, where the biggest point is in the middle of the map (left), 4,165 people still are positive for coronavirus, and 213 have died. It

is the worst place in Spain with infected people, and every day the number is going up and up. They are now considering closing the border with other countries to try to stop the increasing number.

The cities are like ghost towns emptied of people. We have never seen anything thing like this. The picture shows one of the most heavily trafficked streets in the capital, and now it is almost empty. Two big car factories have stopped their production for two weeks. Only grocery stores, pharmacies, and “*estancos*” (places where they sell tobacco) can be open.



Concerning our church, we had to close doors this past Sunday. Surely, we will have to do it again, at least for next week. We send our people two messages and a devotional for them to listen to during the Day of the Lord.

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I wrote a pamphlet named *The Virus* and sent it to all of my contacts in WhatsApp. I also put it on Facebook. In it, I say that this virus is not the worst that this world has faced. In 1918, another pandemic virus that was much worse than this one named the Spanish Flu hit the world, though it did not originate in Spain. The number of deaths was estimated at more than 40 million people. Then, I start to open the thought of another deadly virus much worse than any that has ever existed. That virus started with a man about six thousand years ago and has killed millions and millions. All of us are born with it. This virus is passed from parents to their children, and the death it provokes is much more severe than just physical death. This virus is called SIN. I show that the only way we can wash out that very perilous virus is Christ's blood--the only antidote that can help us.



Soldiers from Fort Riley, Kansas, ill with Spanish Flu at a hospital ward at Camp Funston, U.S.

It is our prayer that this *coronavirus* (COVID-19) will not affect Christians around the world. I know that if any of us ever get it, it will be because God allowed us to have it for some reason. But I pray for people of God to be saved just as the people of Israel were delivered from the plagues of Egypt.

We are praying for the people attending church to be faithful to them, even as they have to close their doors temporarily because of this peril. We all must remember Matthew 24:6-8, where Christ said, *“And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.”*

Dear people, the Lord told us what was going to happen, and here is. Once more, what we see is the fulfillment of what He told us. Let us pray one for the other in these last days. Maranatha, the Lord is coming soon!

Thank you so much for your faithfulness toward us. We thank God for all of you. May God bless you and keep you safe.

In Christ's holy name. Yours,  
The Sanchez Family (Alejandro, Fina, and Samuel)