

Daily Devotion For June 23, 2020

**“Love your neighbor as yourself”.** Matthew 22:39

The other day I was following up with a friend whose daughter is a nurse in New Jersey and had contracted the coronavirus. Erika Morishita has been on our El Estero Prayer Fuel for months. Erika is doing well and is back to work, but she told her father that she was heartbroken to see that a young man went out for Memorial Day weekend without wearing a face mask and contracted the coronavirus. Upon returning home he infected both his parents and grandparents and one of them had died. She was saddened because this could have been prevented if he had only taken more precautions.

Today, as I go for my daily walk or jog, as I drive around town, I see many people who are not taking to heart Gov. Gavin Newsom’s orders that all Californian’s wear face masks when they are out in public.

Someone has said that it is more than a matter of individual rights and freedom, but by wearing a face mask it is a tangible way of expressing love. By the simple gesture of wearing a mask you can slow the virus and prevent the spread to those around you.

**Thought For Today:** How do you feel about wearing a face mask in public? It is a matter of individual rights and freedom not to wear a mask? Can it be a simple act of **loving your neighbor as yourself**?

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** With the skyrocketing number of people being infected by Covid-19, let’s pray that people will take the necessary precautions to slow the spread. Continue to add the prayer fuel to your daily prayers.