



My Dear Friends,

What a year this has been, in fact it is more like two years since the pandemic came into our lives and disrupted us. When we think back over the time, we often think of all the negative aspects of Covid-19. A minister was talking the other day about counting our blessings and sometimes it is difficult to find a blessing in times when we're lonely, isolated, feeling worried, scared for the future of our families and financial concerns.

Some verses from Scripture came to me this morning and I've added a few extra words to the text. What a blessing to know that through all this pandemic, **nothing** can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8-35,38-39 New International Version

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

“³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, **nor pandemics, nor lock-downs or masks, or loneliness and isolation**, nor anything else in all creation, **will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**”

There are still some difficult times ahead as the country navigates and learns to live alongside this pandemic, however, we are never alone, and at Christmas we

are reminded of this. Emmanuel, God with us! Christ came into the world in human form and experienced all the things we experience daily. He is with us and we will never be separated from his love. As I count my blessings, this is number one!

My prayer for each one of us is that as we go about our daily routines, that we will find time to sit quietly and count our blessings.

With love and prayers,

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[COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS by GEORGE BEVERLY SHEA with lyrics - Bing video](#)

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Refrain

Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your many blessings see what God hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

Refrain

So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be disheartened, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

Refrain