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## As the NCBW - And Still We Rise

O Precious and Gracious Lord we come before you thankful for the opportunity to bring our cares and worries because the bible reminds us... You care about us. We know nothing escapes You especially those who are amid suffering and fear.

Lord we are calling upon your name because we know you hear our prayer, incline your ear, and will grant us your peace. We call upon your name on behalf of our concerns for this World and Nation. We need your wisdom, guidance and leadership to protect the people from panic and fear during the Coronavirus. Be with all the scientists who seek to find a vaccine to bring this epidemic to an end. Lord, our determination is grounded in your Word which never fails. So, in the words of Maya Angelou, we as the NCBW believe that *“Leaving behind nights of terror and fear into a daybreak that’s wondrously clear – we will Still Rise.”*

- And Still We Rise knowing that “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”
- And still We Rise knowing that ‘For You will restore us to health and will heal us of our wounds,’ declares the LORD.”
- And still We Rise knowing that “YOU will Heal us, O LORD, and we will be healed; Save us and we will be saved, For You are our praise.”
- And still We Rise knowing that “the thoughts that we think toward you, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, will give us an expected end.”
- And still We Rise knowing that YOU so loved the world, that you gave us your only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in You should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Father we thank you for keeping us committed, grounded, steadfast and unmovable as women holding up the blood stain banner for liberty and justice for all. We are women born of the past generations, we are women present in the here and now, and Father we dream of a future that is yet to be. Father let our witness shine brighter than it ever has before still rising on our mission and vision called to be God’s women- welcoming, embracing, relating, creating and woven together into God’s community everywhere. Yes, this Nation is experiencing conflicts, struggles and unrest, yet we as the NCBW are still rising. Sickness, adversity, test and death is rocking our boat, but we are still rising. Thank you for allowing us to still rise as we work, witness,

network, collaborate, advocate for health awareness, education, leadership, political alertness and economic development especially for such a time as this.

As Voting women, Faithful women, Strong Women and Empowering Women -we are still rising and standing on the wall letting the World and Nation know “who we are and whose we are” holding the family together in stressful, unprecedented, abnormal and strenuous times. Yes, we are in it for the long haul no matter what.

As we continue to rise, show us how to keep speaking loud so that others can hear our voice during this Coronavirus COVID-19.

Now Father bless the NCBW, our president in her awesome leaderships, her cabinet and those who are steadfast, unmovable and always abounding in You. Yes, this too will Past because we as the NCBW will still Rise and let everybody know that **GOD IS IN CONTROL... WE SHALL OVERCOME**. For the bible reminds us in Galatians 6:9 (ESV) “<sup>And</sup> let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up...in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit AMEN!

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