

## Stay Together While Staying Apart

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There have been so many posts on Facebook that I have seen for ways to stay positive during this horrific worldly disaster. I will mention a few since I am housebound and I need a to laugh and find ways to connect with friends and neighbors.

On Facebook I saw and heard one neighborhood got together and sang Amazing Grace. They stood in a big circle. Now that just happens to be my favorite religious song, as it was my husband's. A friend of his sang this song at his funeral.

Oprah addressed all of us and said "Take care of yourself and your family."

I saw a theater teacher driving around with signs on her car greeting her students in their neighborhoods. Each and everyone came out and greeted her and they all had a good laugh. Laughing at times is so important with friends. I have called many old friends and have had some great laughs. Lately I have even chatted with former high school friends who live all over these United States. Yesterday I called a friend who I haven't seen in 20 years or so. I was in her wedding back in 1960. It was so good to catch up.

There was a video of a trumpeter paying at a nursing home. In these trying times, we need music more than ever. When we share music, we share our strength, our hope and our joy with each other. We all need to share our talents like Dennis and Marilyn.

Another old friend posted this quote: "Whether we call it 'social' distancing or 'socialism' doesn't matter. They are related. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers".

"Have a beautiful and blessed day."