

Quarantine was very difficult for me, my family, and my friends. Many things happened, but one of the things was connected to me and my family. My uncle was diagnosed with cancer a little before quarantine. I was very close with my uncle, so when I found this out, I was really upset, and I prayed to God all the time to make him better. When the coronavirus struck, I prayed even more that he would stay healthy throughout it.

During quarantine, me and my extended family did many zoom calls to catch up on things. He was on some of the calls, and he made us all laugh like he usually does. It made everything seem more “normal”. Then after a few months, summer came around. Summer distracted me and my family from everything that had happened so far. God was with us through all those tough times, and he has helped us get through them.

My uncle was doing great. He was going through the treatments, and he was getting better every day. Sometimes, he would come down to our shore house to see everyone. I was so happy to see him. He had to wear a mask even though it was just us, but it was still great to see him. One of the times he came, my grandma cooked a special dinner for him. He loves when we have spaghetti for Christmas, so that's what she made.

Soon after that, my mom and dad told me that he had to get surgery done. When I found out, I prayed to God, to make sure that it went well. A few days before the surgery, everyone in my family came down to our shore house to have one last weekend together before the surgery. I prayed every time I could during the day he had it done. My aunt kept us in touch the whole time. At first, she said that it was delayed for some reason. She said that she would tell us when they started it and when he was finished. Finally, she said that it was over and it went very well. He would have a long recovery, but he will be back to normal soon. I was so happy. I got to see him a few times after that, and he was looking and feeling better every day.

God was with us and my uncle for the surgery, and he is the one who made him better. God stayed with us all throughout quarantine and he is still with us now. God has helped all of us adjust to the virus and he is helping everything get back to normal. Everyone needs to believe that God is with them, even if they don't feel like he is. If you have faith in God, God will be with you through all your hard and happy times. The coronavirus was a challenge for everyone, but God has a plan for us and I believe in that with all my heart. You just have to believe in him and pray to him for his help, and He will perform miracles.

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