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Dear Friends,

Another month and another week have begun, and as always we have a chance to do good or to turn away from good. We hear this in today's First Reading, and the exchange between Jeremiah and Hananiah. Hananiah prophesied that God would free the people from the tyranny of Nebuchadnezzar, which was a good thing for all, but he was giving false promises to make himself look good. He was not speaking the word of the Lord.

In these days of continued worries and concerns about the spread of the virus, we look for good news and "promises." But the only One who can give us true hope is the Lord Himself. We need to listen to what Jesus is telling us. We need to believe that Jesus alone is our Healer and source of life. We need to remain close to Him and we will be saved.

So may we be strong in our trust in our Savior. If we believe in Him, we can "walk on water" as Peter did. And if we fail in our belief, we will sink!

May the Spirit of the Lord fill us we hope, calm our fears, and keep us all safe in the love and goodness of God.

Father Fred