

And they showed us the meaning of grace under fire.

In the best of times, our spiritual care teams are a source of great comfort to patients and their loved ones. When COVID-19 hit, our chaplains quickly added our front-line staff to the fold.

Shocking stories in the media painted a grim picture of near-certain death for anyone exposed to this novel virus. Doctors, nurses and other staff members who safely and routinely care for patients with highly infectious diseases suddenly found themselves concerned for their own lives.

At the same time, new COVID-related safety protocols kept loved ones from visiting patients, adding to the pain and uncertainty any illness brings on.

This extraordinary event is enough to test anyone's faith. Answering the call for spiritual healing, our chaplains began holding daily prayer groups in our units. They stepped in as conduits for families, using iPads to help them see and talk to patients; sometimes, to say goodbye. Through it all, these dedicated men and women continue to share messages of hope and faith to anyone in need.

We are truly inspired by their selfless acts of courage. Every day.