

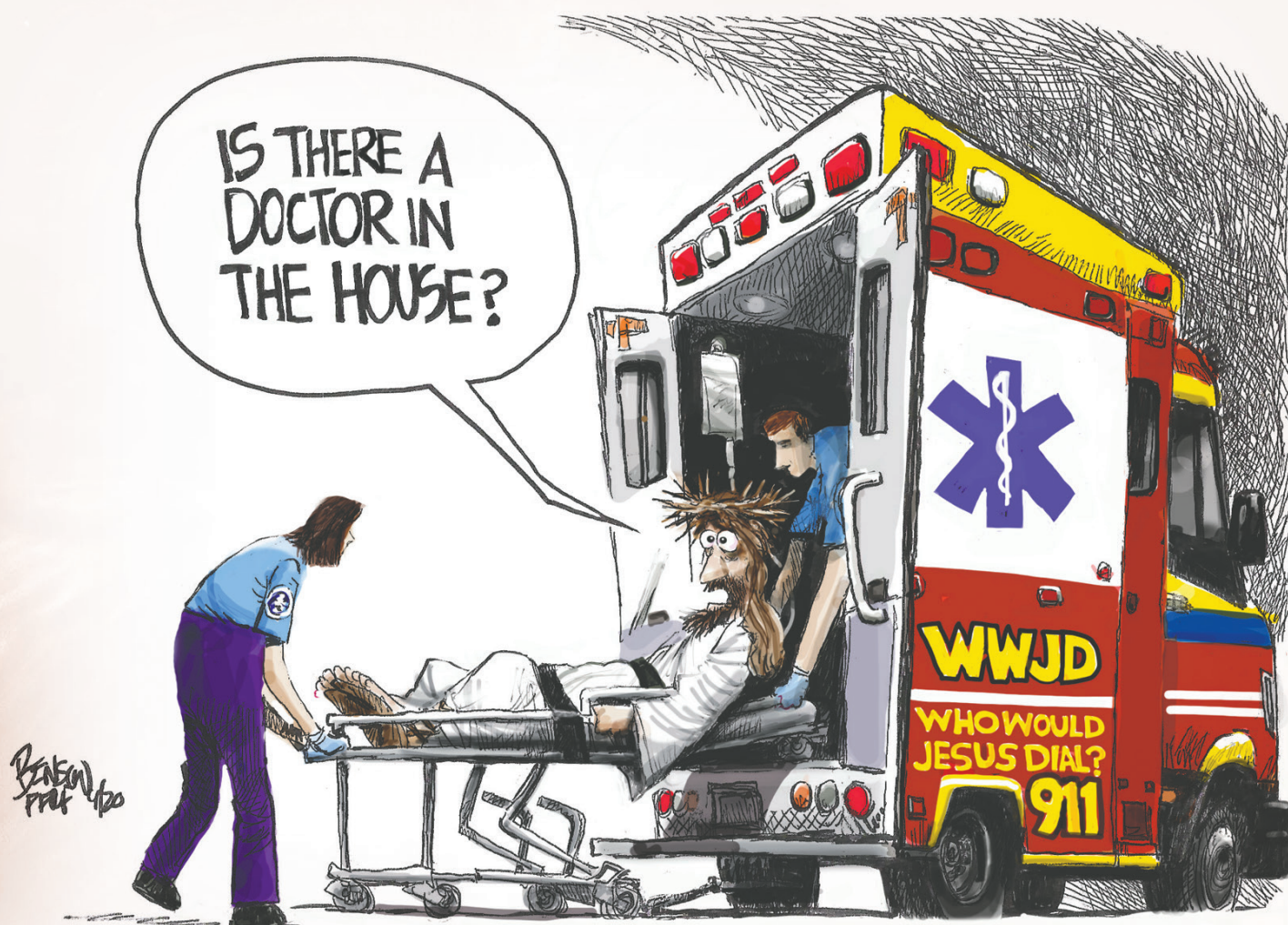
WE NEED

Reason,

NOT PRAYER,

TO COMBAT

THE CORONAVIRUS



Congress and the President have unconstitutionally designated the first Thursday in May as the “National Day of Prayer,” enjoining citizens today to “turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups and as individuals.” The evangelical National Day of Prayer Task Force has hijacked the date, corralling local officials and governors (many of whom have unwisely exempted church gatherings from shelter-at-home orders) into issuing their own prayer proclamations. Ironically, the task force’s theme this year is “God’s glory across the Earth.”

NOTHING FAILS LIKE PRAYER

Wishful thinking cannot suspend the natural laws of the universe. Prayer cannot stop a virus. Pious politicians should get off their knees and get to work. House Resolution 947 is wisely calling to make today a “National Day of Reason,” because “irrationality, magical thinking, and superstition have undermined the national effort to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.”

SCIENCE WORKS

We’re all in this together — that’s why we need actions based on science, evidence and compassion, not prayer or “alternate facts.” As Governor Andrew Cuomo has rightly pointed out, “Our behavior has stopped the spread of the virus. God did not stop the spread of the virus. And what we do now, how we act, will dictate how the virus spreads.”

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