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Dear Clarence and Ruth,

Not a day goes by that I don't have you folks on my mind. You must think I'm awful for not having written to you before this. It is difficult for me to find time to do any letter writing now that I work every day. We don't even have Saturdays off and I must confess I have a hard time knowing just what to say. I don't think I've written to my brother's family this year and there's many others I've neglected.

Today I had to stay home because Danny isn't feeling at all well. He has a slight fever, cough & no appetite. We hope it isn't that Asiatic flu. Lorraine says Bob has it. Now that I'm home I thought I would get at my big pile of ironing and some other things, but now this afternoon I'm feeling sick to my stomach but then I think how very small our troubles are to yours.

Virginia wrote and said they were coming to your place this last week end. It's a shame that we all have to be so far apart for it's always helps to have some relatives close by when there's sickness. I sure appreciate having my folks and my brothers near. A few weeks ago my dad had a prostate gland operation and is just going back to work today for the first time. He feels quite well but still is a bit weak. I think it's bothering him to have his work pile up at the office.

Danny and Carla seem to be doing well in school and I'm sure glad they like school. Since Carla will be six before the 1st of December she gets to be in first grade this year and Danny is in second. Carla wasn't actually due until the middle of December but the doctor decided it was best to do the Caesarian the latter part of November. She is so much more active and peppy than Danny but she just can't get rid of that thumb sucking habit.

When we were on the way to Karen Louise's funeral Lorraine made the remark that the Swansons are decreasing but the Carlsons are increasing. She wasn't really happy to know that they were going to have their 5th child for it is such a struggle to keep up now. She seems to have gotten over her sick feeling now.

Karen sure was a very sick child. They first noticed her not being well about a year after Richard passed away. She had a very nice service and looked beautiful. Their pastor gave a wonderful sermon.

Carla should be coming home any time now so I'd better bring this letter to a close.

We do wonder much just how you all are getting along during these troublesome times. How is the rest of the family? It must be hard with the financial end. Are your neighbors and friends helpful? Would like to know just how we could help.

There's one scripture passage that comes to my mind especially and that is "Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver the and thou shalt glorify me."

Virginia said she would write again soon.

In the meantime we will remember you in our prayers. Just remember that "God is our refuge and strength" and may your faith increase.

Love, Elsa