

Queen Elizabeth II's coronavirus broadcast

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The Queen of England Queen Elizabeth II, who rarely gives public addresses, gave an April 5 speech to the United Kingdom on COVID-19 or coronavirus.

Listen to and watch her address to the British people and complete the script.



"I'm speaking to you at what I know is an increasingly _____ time, a time of disruption in the life of our country, a disruption that has brought grief to some, financial _____ to many, and enormous changes to the daily lives of us all. I want to thank everyone on the NHS _____, as well as care workers and those carrying out essential roles who selflessly continue their day-to-day duties outside the home in support of us all. I'm sure the nation will join me in assuring you that what you do is _____, and every hour of your hard work brings us closer to a return to more _____. I also want to thank those of you who are _____ at home, thereby helping to protect the vulnerable, and sparing many families the pain already felt by those who have lost loved ones.

Together we are tackling this _____, and I want to reassure you that if we remain united and resolute, then we will _____ it. I hope in the years to come everyone will be able to _____ in how they responded to this challenge, and those who come after us will say the Britons of this generation were as strong as any, that the attributes of _____, of quiet, good-humored resolve, and of _____ still characterize this country. The _____ in who we are is not a part of our past, it defines our present and our future.

The moments when the United Kingdom has come together to _____ its care and essential workers will be remembered as an expression of our _____, and its symbol will be the rainbows drawn by children. Across the Commonwealth and around the world, we have seen heartwarming stories of people coming together to help others, be it through _____ food parcels and medicines, checking on neighbors, or converting businesses to help the relief effort. And though _____ may at times be hard, many people of all faiths and of none are discovering that it presents an opportunity to slow down, pause and reflect in prayer or meditation.

It reminds me of the very first _____ I made in 1940, helped by my sister. We as children spoke from here at Windsor to children who had been evacuated from their homes and sent away for their own safety. Today, once again, many will feel a painful sense of _____ from their loved ones, but now as then, we know deep down that it is the right thing to do. While we have faced challenges before, this one is different. This time we join with all nations across the globe in a common _____. Using the great advances of _____ and our instinctive compassion to heal, we will succeed, and that success will belong to every one of us. We should take comfort that while we may have more still to _____, better days will return. We will be with our friends again. We will be with our families again. We will meet again. But for now, I send my thanks and _____ good wishes to you all."