

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic markets remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.

Amen



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Against the darkness of this time the message of Good Friday and Easter shines even more brightly.

Because Jesus went through isolation, fear, suffering and death he understands our fears.

Because Jesus conquered death to rise into new life, he is with us now in our work, our home, our hospitals and everywhere to hold us in love. We may be isolated but we are never alone.

Because Jesus conquered death not just for himself but also for us, death is not the final disaster but the gateway with him into new life and joy and peace so we have nothing to fear.

May the love of Jesus Christ hold you close and his light and hope shine in your hearts and homes and lives this rather strange Easter.

With our love and
best wishes this
Easter

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