

Prayer for a Pandemic

(from St. Paul's Church, Lexington, Kentucky)

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 that 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 neighbour.

Amen.