

The following prayer was shared by Father Larry Tensi (Region Six). It was written by a member of the Interfaith Hospitality Network in the Cincinnati area. He writes, "It's an interfaith group of local churches that house homeless families and help them find permanent housing and work. St. Columban parish is heavily involved in this important ministry. So, as you can imagine, this pandemic has truly brought another challenge to their already difficult lives. Hence....the prayer." You have permission to share it.

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 that have no place to go.

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

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

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 neighbors.

Amen.