

A prayer for a Pandemic: by Dr. Cameron Wiggins Bellm

**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 children who will go hungry with no school meals.**

**May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those with 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 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 neighbor.**

Through Jesus Christ, whose arms of love embrace us all.

Amen.