

Prayer During 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.

This prayer was shared by Father Larry Tensi. 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. "