**Miscellaneous Prayers for the Pandemic**

God of all power and love,we give thanks for your unfailing presenceand the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.Revive us to live as Christ’s body in the world:a people who pray, worship, learn,break bread, share life, heal neighbors,bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.Wherever and however we gather,unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Shared by Bishop Curry in “Habits of Grace,” May 29, 2020 (composed that week by Lutherans and Episcopalians)

Prayer for People Critically Ill or Facing Great Uncertainty

God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm
and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to all
who wait or work in uncertainty.
Bring hope that you will make them the equal
of whatever lies ahead.
Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
for your will is health and wholeness;
you are God, and we need you.

*Adapted from New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 765*

Prayer for a Pandemic
By Cameron 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 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 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.
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 neighbors.

Amen.

A Poem of Blessing

blessed
are the elderly, and the immunosuppressed
blessed
are the fearful, the anxious and irritable
blessed
are the ones who use humor to get by
the ones who could use a vacation anyway
the ones who fear for their life
blessed are the ones who are sick of it:
all the flawed logic, the security theater

blessed
are the ones who cry out
“this is why we need a safety net! a kinder society! a new world order!”
blessed
are the healthcare workers, the administrators catching heat for every decision,
are the messengers with no power over the message
blessed
are the sad and the lonely
blessed
are the healthy and the sick
blessed
are the well and the unwell
blessed
are all of us just trying to do our best
blessed
are those who are kind and clear, who keep our eyes open to each other
blessed
is our neighbor
blessed
are we all
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—Lee Allison Paczulla, MDiv '11

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