

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC  
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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 that have no options.

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