

A year on...

A prayer to remember a year in Lockdown

23.3.2020-23.3.2021



Loving God,

As we light a candle tonight, we remember those we loved and those we knew, we remember the loss and the pain as we stood there weeping like Mary wept under the cross, helpless, powerless against a greater power, against a disease, new and scary.

As we light a candle tonight, we remember those who are fighting for their lives today, lying in covid wards, alone and scared, longing for a touch, a hug a familiar face, lying alone, maybe wondering as Jesus wondered: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.

As we light a candle tonight, we remember those who live alone, miss their family, miss their friends, who sit at the window waiting for a grandchild's wave, who sit in front of the TV glad to hear a voice in the deafening silence of their homes.

As we light a candle tonight, we remember those who toiled for us and work for us still, nurses and doctors traumatised on covid wars, putting their lives on the line, delivery drivers coming to our doorsteps a welcome greeting from the world outside our homes.

As we light a candle tonight, we remember all those who suffer around the world, ravaged by the virus without vaccines or medical care, we remember that the virus does not know borders or nations, that we belong together as a worldwide community, as Christ is Lord of the world.

AMEN