

Prayers and Reflections for Sunday, March 29, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

We fear for those who are working in any of the professions and situations that involve human contact. We worry about those who are losing or have lost their jobs. We are concerned for those who depend on their savings and investments to get by.

As our concern for each other keeps us apart, as we experience our economy beginning to fall apart, we pray for those who are weeping, watching, waiting and/or working through these times.

Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus, his friend. As he was weeping, he felt the troubles of the world fall down upon his shoulders. His friends, who loved him, did not understand him. His neighbors, who hated him, wanted to stone him.

In his misery, Jesus performs the greatest sign of his earthly ministry. He demands Lazarus to rise up from his grave (he had already been dead for four days) and rejoin the world of the living. And this is what Lazarus does.

I wonder what sort of grave are we in these days? How, even in these strange and difficult days, might we remain in the land of the living?

How can we love both those who are overworked and those who are unemployed?

How can we wake up and live in the world beyond ourselves, even when we cannot leave our homes?

Even on his way to be crucified, Jesus was the light of the world. What kind of light are we for the world that we live in?

These days, most of us have plenty of time to think. I pray that our thoughts might be guided toward how we can best live the life Jesus has given us to live.

As ever,
Rebecca