

“And the people stayed at home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced, some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently. And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.”

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Jesus said: "When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world." St Paul said: "We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains".

May this pain caused by Covid 19 be like birth-pang through which God will bring new life for humanity. May we hold onto our faith that not death, but resurrection is God's last word. May we be helped to see signs of the possibilities of new creation and co-operate with our creator.

May we have peace that passes all understanding,

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