

2020-21 Solidarity Campaign. **Restart to Transform**



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RESTART TO  
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## INTRODUCTION

"We thought we'd stay healthy in a world that was sick," said the Pope from an empty St Peter's Square halfway through the lockdown of March 2020. The world has always been sick with hunger and injustices, wars, refugees, immigrants, pain. But a lot of us thought that we were fine, that we were healthy.

This pandemic has made us think of a virus, and it's shown us that most of the world, the majority of our brothers and sisters, were already in the midst of pandemics, living with uncertainty and insecurity, as we now.

The solution has a name — solidarity. That's the vaccine, the only antidote. United against the pandemics, united as a family, brothers and sisters, we will get through the suffering and build a shared space for everyone.

## PARDON

For not being interested in the lives of others, for not working on building a better world and a more beautiful life. LORD, HAVE MERCY.

For looking at life through rose-tinted glasses; for running away from sacrifice and effort; for seeking for an easy, bourgeois life. CHRIST, HAVE MERCY.

For having been indifferent many times to the suffering of those who are facing the consequences of the crisis and asking for justice; for having closed ourselves off and not have shown an interest in the problems of others, of our countries, of the world we live in. LORD, HAVE MERCY.

COLLECT

Lord, Father of our human family,

you created all human beings equal in dignity:

pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit

and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, justice and peace.

Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth.

May we recognize the goodness and beauty

that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,

and shared dreams. Amen.

*(Fratelli Tutti, Francis Pope)*

## GOOD NEWS OF JESUS, FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE.

Luke 10:25-37

A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. We do not know who he is, we just know he is a "man". He could be any one of us. Any human being affected by violence, sickness, poverty, or despair. When have you been this wounded person?

Sometimes, we can also be robbers when we hurt so many people with our excessive consumption, with the world's destruction, with our xenophobic attitudes, with our lifestyle. We marginalize so many people through these actions. Can you relate with the robber? Explain how.

A priest “happened to be going” down the road. According to the text, this is completely random, as a man of worship had no reason to be there. It is not his job to attend to the sick and wounded in the gutters. His place is at the temple. His job is to lead the religious celebrations. When he comes across the wounded man, “he sees him, and crosses onto the opposite side of the road.” When have you crossed onto the opposite side so as not to have to see the person who is suffering?

A Samaritan walks down the road. He doesn't come from the temple. He's not even from the chosen town of Israel. He's a small business owner who has little to do with the temple. However, when he sees the wounded man, he does not question whether it is or not he is his neighbor. He is moved and does everything as possible for him. This is the kind of we must be. When have you been a Samaritan?

## INSIDE THE GOSPEL

I was not luck. It could have happened to anyone. But it happened to me. They were some robbers who beat me up and left me almost naked and half-dead in a ditch. In that wounded pain were a lot of other wounds such as the hunger of many, the loneliness of sometimes, the violence that hurts and destroys... I saw people passing by me. Good people, people with a cross hanging from their neck. People who criticize other people because the others are always the bad ones. And they muttered: “What a pity of world.” But, nobody stopped to help me. They were in a hurry. To the temple. To class. To groups. To the church. To see the news... But, nobody had time for me. Then, I felt a hand that

stroked my wounds. Someone, without labels or bracelets, without medals or titles; someone who was not the good one for any side, helped me get up. He asked for my pain. He listened to me and helped me find shelter. He cared about me. He did not ask for anything in return. When he could not help me, he made sure I was safe. And he told me he would come back. I do not know how or why, but I felt that this stranger was closer to me than many other people that surrounding me. He loved me and, by doing so, he saved me.

## FRANCIS' WORDS

Fratelli tutti n. 115: At a time when everything seems to disintegrate and lose consistency, it is good for us to appeal to the “solidity” born of the consciousness that we are responsible for the fragility of others as we strive to build a common future. Solidarity finds concrete expression in service, which can take a variety of forms in an effort to care for others. And service in great part means “caring for vulnerability, for the vulnerable members of our families, our society, our people”. In offering such service, individuals learn to “set aside their own wishes and desires, their pursuit of power, before the concrete gaze of those who are most vulnerable. [...] Service always looks to their faces, touches their flesh, senses their closeness and even, in some cases, “suffers” that closeness and tries to help them. Service is never ideological, for we do not serve ideas, we serve people”.

## SONG TO EMBRACE

<https://youtu.be/n-RDTsWfMqI>

It is not useful to stay put  
looking up without helping,  
without getting involved as the Samari-  
tan,  
without believing that each one belongs  
to the miracle.

"For everyone" is possible and ideal,  
"together" is easier and reachable,  
"from each" corner,  
"with each" difference,  
brothers and sisters, "all", from the same  
Father.

WE HAVE TO LEARN THAT TO LOOK UP  
DOES NOT MEAN TO WAIT EVERYTHING  
FROM THE HEAVEN  
WE HAVE TO LOOK INTO THE EYES  
STAND UP STRAIGHT AND WALK  
THERE IS A LOT LEFT  
AND WE HAVE TO MAKE THE REIGN GROW

Heaven is here and now, growing the  
Reign  
and Jesus is here and now with the same  
determination  
we have to look into the eyes, the light  
that comes within  
and the urgent scream of the world is al-  
ready being heard.

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WE HAVE TO LEARN...

## SOLIDARY CREED

We believe in God, Creator of an unfinished  
world, that we all have to make it fair and  
solidary,

We believe in God Father, who has made  
us all equals, and does not want poverty  
or differences between towns.

We believe in Jesus, our older brother,  
God's project made flesh, the fullness of  
the man, who showed us his Father God's  
love and taught us how to love us as  
brothers and sisters, to share, and to help  
each other.

And that, by preaching this message, died  
on the cross.

We believe in Jesus who is still alive in God  
and among us.

We believe in God's Spirit that we carry  
within and that encourages us to do good  
and fight against poverty, ignorance, and  
injustices.

We believe in mankind, God's love fruit,  
and we believe another world is possible.

We believe in the Community who follows  
and is like Jesus.

We believe that in the afterlife, God will ac-  
cept us to live with Him for eternity, amen.

*Rafael Calvo Beca*

*Salomé Arricibita*

## BIDDING PRAYERS

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 their health and making 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 place to go.

May we who are losing our savings to the mercies of the economic market remember those who have no savings at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

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.

*By: Christopher Holownia, S.J.*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

Jesus, help me live  
as the Samaritan from the parable,  
who was capable of see his neighbor, be  
moved with him,  
stop their way, assist the deprived man,  
take care of his recovery,  
help him have a full life.

Show me the way and give me strength  
to follow it. To have my faith continue by  
concrete works,

and it does not stay by my words.

Jesus, you, that have lived with solidarity

and making justice,

help me follow your steps and be your disciple

in the exercise of solidarity

and the commitment to the life of others.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR THE ELDERLY

God and Father of kindness, you that hear the calls of your children and, specially, of those who are poor and do not have the necessary to live. Please, hear the prayer we make you from the bottom of my heart.

We know that you do not forget and do not disregard the tears of your suffering children because you know each one of them by their name.

Today, you do not only hear my plea, but the plea from each one of those who sometimes forget to talk to you. Listen their deepest pain and give them peace and comfort.

Let's pray specially for those who must leave their home land, for refugees, for hopeless young people, for homeless, for victims of violence, for those who have nothing and are lonely, and for all the poverty that you only know.

Jesus Lord, you that are not afraid of relating to poor people, help us accept them the way you do, so that with our small gestures, they can feel themselves by your side and find the help they need. Makes us witnesses of the Christian hope by joyful involving us to solidarity and closeness gestures that are Your Reign's seeds.

## FINAL PRAYER

If I can do some good today,  
If I can serve along life's way,  
If I can something helpful say,  
Lord, show me how.

If I can right a human wrong,  
If I can make one strong,  
If I can cheer with smile or song,  
Lord, show me how.

If I can aid one in distress,  
If I can make a burden less,  
If I can spread more happiness,  
Lord, show me how.

*Grenville Kleiser*



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