



The News is encouraging that we have worked together well and can glimpse level 3 next week.

After 28 days we have got into different grooves. Our experience and responses are affected by our personal and bubble circumstances, history and resources. Some days conversations are easy. Some days are difficult, and conversations are flat. All sorts of things, good and challenging, are becoming visible for us and for people we know. We hear of joy and we hear of the sadness of bereavement, relationship breakdown, suicide. People are interested and concerned about what will happen next, the effects on our children, on the economy, in social structures, how people will relate. There is little certainty except that we will not go back to life as it was.

Each day Liz and I join a diocesan group following a pattern of daily devotions that uses the Lord's prayer as a framework. The Lord's Prayer has grounded my prayer life for a long time. In these weeks the clauses - your kingdom come, your will be done; give us today our daily bread are windows for thanksgiving and petitions.

We pray that our responses are God's kingdom shaped –
That our commitment to the common good will continue to shape policy;
That we will find and respond to those who are excluded;
That abundant life will grow where there is fear and sadness.

Jesus said the kingdom is like a woman kneading bread. Kneading takes effort, the life in the yeast is distributed, the whole loaf rises.

Whether we are out in essential work or at home, we pray that God's love will be released and God's life will be visible in ourselves, our communities and the world.

Peace be with us all, Sue