Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
remember those who are most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose
between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who can care of our children
when their schools close
remember those who have no options at all.

May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those that have no place to go.

And may we who are losing our money in the market
remember those who have no money at all.

May we who must 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 brothers and sisters.

Amen.