

Taking Time to Stop and Sing a Prayer

“If necessity is the mother of invention, it's the father of cooperation. And we're cooperating like never before.” - John Ashcroft

Collaborating online is something that we are all now adept in doing. Musicians and choirs, professional and amateur, formal and pop-up alike have taken the opportunity have come together to help others cope with the silence and isolation.

Find a quiet place for the next few minutes, settle down, take a few deep breaths... and join Andrea Bocelli and Celine Dion in singing “The Prayer”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nexnnrYyTmc&feature=emb_logo

now reflect ... *What is the prayer in your heart?*

Coronavirus Poem

When this is over,
May we never again take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of Communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends,
May we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be,
we hoped to be,
and may we stay
that way – better
for each other
because of the worst.

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<https://www.nacc.org/resources/spirituality-and-prayer-resources/coronavirus-prayers/>

The Prayer

Celine Dion: I pray you'll be our eyes and watch us where we go
And help us to be wise in times when we don't know
Let this be our prayer when we lose our way
Lead us to a place,
Guide us with your grace to a place where we'll be safe

Andrea Bocelli:
& Celine Dion La luce che tu hai, I pray we'll find your light
Nel cuore resterà, And hold it in our hearts
A ricordarci che, When stars go out each night
L'eterna stella sei, Whoa
Nella mia preghiera, Let this be our prayer
Quanta fede c'è, When shadows fill our day
Lead us to a place, Guide us with your grace

Both: Give us faith so we'll be safe
Sogniamo un mondo senza più violenza
(We dream of a world with no more violence)
Un mondo di giustizia e di Speranza
(A world of justice and hope)
Ognuno dia la mano al suo vicino
(Everyone gives his hand to his neighbour)
Simbolo di pace, di fraternità
(Symbol of peace, of fraternity)

Andrea Bocelli:
& Celine Dion La forza che ci dà, We ask that life be kind
È il desiderio che, And watch us from above
Ognuno trovi amor, We hope each soul will find
Intorno e dentro sé, Another soul to love

Both: Let this be our prayer
Celine Dion: Let this be our prayer
Andrea Bocelli: Just like every child
Celine Dion: Just like every child
Both: Need to find a place
Guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe
È la fede che
(It is faith that)
Hai acceso in noi
(you lit in us)
Sento che ci salvera
(I believe will save us)