

Wellspring for Living Stones

A Collection of Prayers, Reflections, and More | Volume 1 | April 8, 2020

The world is experiencing unprecedented change, but the **Madonna University mission is steadfast**. The **faculty and staff of the Mission Core Team** would like to share resources to help guide our community through uncharted waters. They are rooted in the MU mission to *instill Christian humanistic values, intellectual inquiry, a respect for diversity, and a commitment to serving others*. They have helped bring our team peace of mind and sense of purpose, and we are honored to share them with you.

The campus community is invited to share in a common prayer on Madonna Mondays.

A Prayer of Remembrance and Hope [is available here](#). The Mission Core team invites you to join us share this experience while we are apart, each Monday at 12:00 PM.

“Perhaps like many out there during this time of uncertainty, I'm searching for something that is hopeful. Fr. John's reflection, his interior calm, and the peace it gives me are quite refreshing.”

Listen to the [Born for This](#) podcast episode, "Be Not Afraid: Plans Changed?" [here:](https://youwerebornforthis.fireside.fm/14)

from [Claire Ofiara](#),

Director of Diversity & Inclusion, and Program Director of Mosaic Leadership Academy

“All great world religions have teachings offering hope and healing in face of adversity. Buddhism is no exception. Enjoy what Pema Chodron, a Tibetan Buddhist nun and author , has to share on that timely topic.”

Find “When Things Fall Apart” [here:](https://getpocket.com/explore/item/when-things-fall-apart-tibetan-buddhist-nun-and-teacher-pema-chdrn-on-transformation-through)

from [Andrew Domzalski](#),

Professor and Chair of the Department of Humanities and Co-Director, Center for Catholic Studies & Interfaith Dialogue

Prayer for a Pandemic, by Cameron Wiggins Bellm

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

May those who have the flexibility to care for our children when schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel trip remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

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

As fear grips our country, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace to God and our neighbor. Amen.

from [Jesse Cox](#), *Director of Campus Ministry*



Wellspring for Living Stones will be updated, added to, and archived online. If you have questions or concerns, or would like to submit materials to include, please contact Colleen McLellan in the Office of Service-Learning & Civic Engagement: cmclellan@madonna.edu