

Wellspring for Living Stones

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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.

How do we relate to 'the other'?

From Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Parish in Plymouth, Fr. Prentice Tipton offers these lessons on inequity—and what we can do about it.

<https://youtu.be/VSTW2eLjVXQ>

from [Claire Ofiara](#), Director of Diversity & Inclusion, and Program Director of Mosaic Leadership Academy

Love in the Time of COVID

may we be as one now.
may the breath of life fill each of our lungs and move our spirits together.
may our hope spread further than all the fear.
may our joy be heard in the sound of sorrow.
may our surprise at a stranger's love surpass the alarm of the shuttered store.
may our concern for the other overpower our apathy or regard for self.
may our patience wait on our frustration.
may our gratitude eclipse our grief.
may our desire for the good overwhelm our disgust at the bad.
may we see more calm in empty streets than we feel anger at this disease.
may we rely on the strength of others where we feel weak.
may we rest on the faith of others when we are uncertain.
may we remind ourselves that these emotions are, each and every one-- those we like and those we don't-- holy.
may we resolve to carry the weight of this present moment, together and not alone,
into a better future.
may the love that heals us spread wider than all that may harm us.
may the life inside of us soon bloom brightly into the emptiness outside.
may we fill the hearts of the disheartened.
may we lift the spirits of the dispirited.
may we bring wholeness to the hurting.
though there is distance between our bodies, may we know a closeness of our souls.
though there is number in our nations, may we be as one in our cause.
may our thoughts be blessed.
may our words be blessed.
may our work be blessed.
may the breath of life fill each of our lungs and move our spirits together.
may we be as one now.

—Rev. Amir B. Darr, Chaplain, Cleveland Clinic Hospice

from [Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz](#),
Co-Director of the Center for Catholic Studies & Interfaith Dialogue



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