

A SIMPLE CREED

*I believe in God, Creator of an unfinished world, a world in process,
Who does not decree an eternal plan in which we cannot participate.
I believe in God who did not discriminate and divide people
Into 'developed' and 'developing' countries, the poor and the rich.
I believe in Jesus, born poor, born in difficult times,
Who came to understand the conditions of his own local world, and
Who took such a courageous stand for justice and peace that it cost his life.
I believe in Jesus who lives for all people
So that all people might truly live
And so that we may all become free and help transform the world.
I believe in the Spirit of God who breathes life into all creation
And I believe in the community of all persons:
Women and men and children,
Strangers and aliens, immigrants and refugees,
Poor and homeless people,
Those who are old and ailing, sick and dying
And those with any kind of disability.
I believe in our common responsibility
For making the world a better place for every human person to live.
I believe it is possible to build a just peace and to care for a living earth.
I believe that a life full of meaning and value is the right of everyone, everywhere.
And I commit myself to making some serious changes in my own lifestyle,
In order to bring about clearer signs of the Kingdom of God on earth.*

(Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp.)

A VERY SIMPLE CREED

*I believe in a God of surprises,
Born poor,
Child of migrants.
I believe in a Savior,
Misunderstood,
Falsely accused, and
Shamefully executed.
I believe in a gentle but powerful Spirit:
Breath of God,
Disturbing Comforter
Comforting disturber.
I believe in the Way of the Gospel:
A narrow Way,
But the Way to life.
I believe in discipleship for all:
A sign, a testament of hope,
Generosity and simplicity.
And I believe in women and men disciples
Living faithfully,
Loving tenderly,
And walking humbly with God.*

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PRAYER FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

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 and making their rent.

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

May we who have to cancel our trips 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 we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, may we choose love.

And during this time when we may not be able physically to wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the living embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

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