

Pandemic at the Mount  
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Jesus, you again invite me  
To pray with you on the mount.  
There is so much fear  
Of possible deadly coronavirus,  
Again we see how something  
As infinitesimal as a germ  
Can keep people apart.  
Something so small can  
Change lifestyles of a whole universe.

As we fear the disease  
And take drastic steps  
To avoid contamination  
And feel safe in living apart,  
My thoughts have been with those  
Who are already part of the pandemic.  
Are they being cared for  
As they suffer pain and loneliness  
Are they the lepers of this age?

Jesus, I am no nurse  
And I am not very brave,  
So please walk with those who suffer.  
Please help us find ways to reach them.  
Please love them for us.

We plead with you to help us find ways  
To bring the pandemic to a halt.  
Our living apart, our not touching,  
Our not traveling somehow must end soon.  
We are one. We are kin,  
So even as we concern ourselves  
In staying healthy and strong,  
We need to keep in mind those already  
Pandemic victims.  
In spirit, we embrace them and plead  
For their healing here and now.

So Jesus, help us in our anxious moments.  
Help those of our kin who suffer.  
Help those who are isolated and alone.  
Let your love bond us together  
For- WE ARE ONE.