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Dear friends

WALKING WITH JESUS

Luke 24 verse 32 has one of my very favourite lines in the Gospels. The couple were walking away from Jerusalem to Emmaus and were utterly dejected because of Jesus' death on the Cross. They had heard rumours of Jesus' Resurrection but this seemed impossible so they were returning home. Late in the day, on the road, they met a man who walked with them, listened to them and talked with them. They were so intrigued that they invited him to supper. It was only when he broke bread that they recognised him as the Risen Jesus. Immediately he left them and they ran back all the way to Jerusalem to tell the 11 disciples who were still in that Upper Room—they had met the Risen Jesus!

The words of the song opposite by Jess Ray, a singer/songwriter from North Carolina, pick up on that experience of meeting Jesus as a young woman and the amazing feeling of his presence, his truth and his love. Jess speaks of a fire which began that can't be put out.

If we want to kindle that fire then we should best spend time in Jesus presence—for he will walk with us, listen to us and teach us.

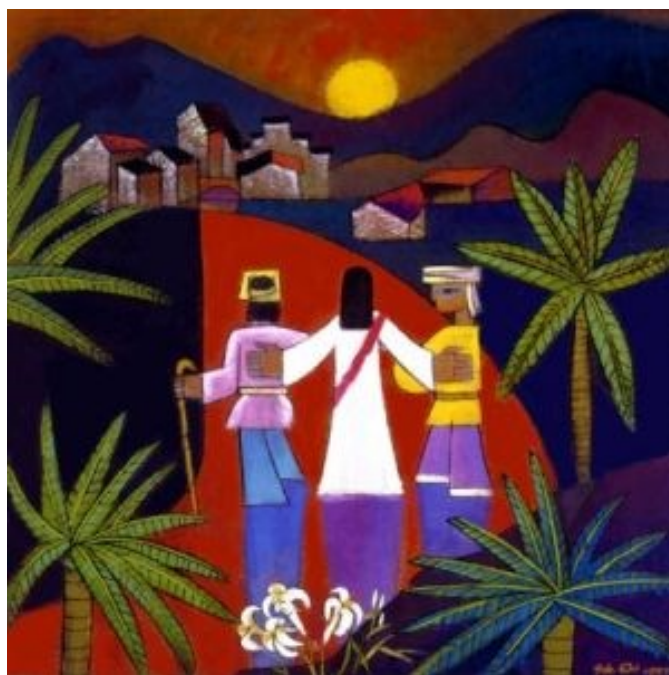
Coronavirus Crisis Worldwide

Over the page there is a prayer from Christian Aid with details of how you can support its work in the wider world at this time on our behalf.

Every blessing to you
and yours

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

Luke 24 verse 32



Did Not Our Hearts Burn

When I was young, I said a prayer,
quiet and innocent
I can't recall what I said,
but I must've meant it
On that night began a fire
that burns inside my chest
A mystery came over me,
I don't regret it

Did not our hearts burn inside our chests



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A Prayer for a Global Pandemic

*'Love...bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.*

Love never ends.'

(1 Corinthians 13:7-8)

Loving God,

**strengthen our innermost being
with your love that bears all things
even the weight of this global pandemic
even the long haul of watching for symptoms
of patiently waiting for this to pass
watching and waiting,
keeping our gaze fixed on you,
and looking out for our neighbours
near and far.**

**Instil in our shaken souls
the belief and hope that all things
are possible with your creative love
for strangers to become friends
for science to source solutions
for resources to be generously shared
so everyone, everywhere,
may have what they need
for your perfect love that knows no borders
may cast out any fear
and selfishness that divides.**

**May your love that never ends
be our comfort, strength and guide
for the wellbeing of all and
the glory of God.**

Amen.



As the Coronavirus continues to spread globally, over 850,000 Rohingya refugees living in overcrowded camps in Cox's Bazar are at serious risk.

Across the world Christian Aid is working with local partners, including faith leaders, to reach the most vulnerable communities with urgent health messages to keep people safe, drawing on experience in combating the Ebola crisis. Help is given to inform people about the dangers, providing hygiene and hand washing and ensuring that health facilities in camps have spaces for people who have contracted the virus. But more is needed.

The people in the poorest countries will be hit harder than us by this virus—those living in poverty already face a lack of water, food and medical care. The spread of this virus will be devastating.

We can support our global neighbours

- £27 could help provide food to someone in quarantine, so they don't have to leave their home and risk spreading the virus
- £50 could help pay for a community toilet and handwashing block
- £120 could help provide areas within health facilities to isolate anyone with symptoms

Donations by post may take some time to process

You can donate on-line at caid.org.uk/covid19

or call Christian Aid on **08080 004 004**

