Let us pray

Lockdown

Pandemic

Covid 19

Virus

Scary words

New words perhaps

New meanings too.

Words that have a strange hold on us at present

But words full of so many stories too.

Lonely, anxiety ridden hopeful containers of words

That have travelled with us for 10 weeks gathering and collecting

Referencing and indexing our thoughts and feelings.

But gracious god

Times are changing

And there is perhaps one more haulage

container size of a word to add.

Love.

Love

Love not as the world shows, but as you do.

A way of life we travel on with others.

Our journey

And at this time as we move beyond our front

doors for the first time in many weeks,

We need to feel your presence

Our heads know you are with us

Help us to feel you with our hearts

As we show you in action to others

Through touch, a listening ear or a kindly word.

The road ahead may be longer than a sabbath's journey.

We may graze our knees if we fall

Or pit our feet with stones

But help us to remember we can rely on you, the

Complete, whole and only worthwhile definition of love in action in this world.

Every day

Amen