

## United States and Love without Benefits

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### Abstract

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### Introduction

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## Discussion

Humans, firstly, are fragile to natural disasters. Indeed, humans cannot swim like a fish, fly like a bird, and run as fast as horses... But men make planes to fly in the sky. Humans build boats to swim in the water. Humans have also created cars, motorbikes that run faster than horses... even humans can go to space, the Moon, and Mars. However, the more humankind is confident at the technology and themselves, the more they realize the vastness of the universe and their tininess and fragility. Like a pandemic, the virus spread without limitation to countries, languages, races, religions. When it was first infected with habitats in Wuhan City in 2019, it has expanded and made people dangerous and deadly. Today, there are about 168 million infections worldwide; around 3,5 million deaths.<sup>1</sup> [1], and there are still about 600,000 infected people every day<sup>2</sup> [2]. However, with the consensus and responsibility, the medical development and production of vaccine covid, and human consciousness, the number of infected people has also increased and prevented many infections. Thus, coronavirus becomes an opportunity for people to look back on their lives, unite people without borders, share charity with each other and share a sense of responsibility to overcome the coronavirus pandemic. As a Catholic, it is obvious to see the consensus of the catholic either in Vietnamese or the World by prayers, penance, and asking God for His mercy.

People, secondly, need to unite, share and love each other. As Jesus praised that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you (cf. Jn 17:21). In a world where people are separated in space, culture, religion, politics, but the virus does not, it can infect everyone and everywhere. However, it is an infectious danger that becomes the focus of attention for everyone around the world. At the same time, everyone cares for each other and shares responsibility. Medical scientists focus on finding preventive vaccines, nurses and doctors support to help infected patients, and governments always remind and find ways to help prevent that infection. All were created as one big family in the world to repel this coronavirus. While waiting for vaccine research, infection prevention is important; countries have supported each other by sending volunteers, necessary medical equipment: oxygen, masks... when the preventive vaccine has been found, countries will share and support so that everyone can be used for prevention and control. Recently, President Biden has shared 80 million doses of vaccines with the world.<sup>3</sup> [3]. Thus, solidarity, sharing love freely will create a world without gender, a world family to overcome the current difficulties that coronavirus has created and is creating.

People, thirdly, always need God's help. God created all good things (cf. Gn 1:4). He always preserves and protects this universe in his loving order (cf. CCC 301-305).

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. <https://ncov.moh.gov.vn/> access 26/5/2021

<sup>2</sup> Cf. <https://nhandan.vn/tin-tuc-the-gioi/the-gioi-ghi-nhan-tong-hon-167-trieu-ca-mac-covid-19-647346/> access 26/5/2021

<sup>3</sup> Cf. <https://tuoitre.vn/tong-giam-doc-who-cam-kich-ong-biden-chia-se-80-trieu-lieu-vac-xin-voi-the-gioi-20210518070937122.htm> access 26/5/2021

However, the changes in life, the consequences of natural and epidemics always make people afraid and forget the loving presence of the Almighty. But God is always there. He loves us. He came unto his own, and his own received Him not. (cf. Jn 1:11), but He always invites us to run to Him for life and to live more abundantly (cf. Jn 10:10), because He is the good shepherd and lays down His life for the sheep (Jn 10:15). It is through him that all things were made (cf. Cl 1:16), and he invites us who labor and are heavy laden to come to Him, and He will give you rest (cf. Mt 11:28). With the Lord, we will also overcome the fear of the waves and the sea like the disciples of old (cf. Mk 14:22-36 - "it's me, don't be afraid!"). When we entrust ourselves to the Lord, trusting in him, we can say to him, as Saint Paul said in all of his letters, "May the grace and peace of Christ dwell in you and fill you." In addition, we also often follow the example of God, who loved to the end to invite everyone to love as he loved (cf. Jn 15,13), that is, to invite everyone to unity, to love, especially in this Coronavirus epidemic. Therefore, let's trust God and tell Him that God knows I always need Him and At the same time, let's love each other like God has loved everyone.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, the coronavirus pandemic is the biggest concern so far for the world, but it also creates the unity of people. A pandemic is a small virus that infects everyone regardless of different ethnicities, cultures, and religions. They have become a link between nations and nations so that small people can unite together to create a universal power to repel Covid. At the same time, the pandemic also made people sit together to realize their smallness and fragility and need help from Almighty God. And above all, it is people who know solidarity and love each other, breaking down border barriers to come together as the Lord invites "you to love one another as I have loved you" (cf. Jn 13:34).

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