

# Salt – Light – Hope

reflections and care for those who serve in pandemic  
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“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body.”

--2 Corinthians 4:7-11

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We are beautiful vessels—lovely, unique, refined by fire. Fragile, yet capable vessels, chipped or cracked perhaps, that contain precious treasure: knowledge of God’s glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Living with uncertain contagion in this Holy Week, we are hard pressed and perplexed, yet not crushed. Because, especially this week, we carry in us the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our human clay.

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**Please pray with me—**

Holy God—

You have given us, your earthly vessels,

the treasure of your almighty power,

to hold in fragile, flawed clay jars.

Help us always to honor and care for the distinct vessels that we are

and those beautiful, unique vessels that surround us. Amen and amen.

