

Thy Kingdom Come, Day 4



Jesus has two crowns, the victorious crown of the King and his Kingdom (We are invited to inherit a crown too - Rev 2;10, 1 Cor 9:25) and the crown of thorns (are you the King of the Jews? Jn 19:5), a symbol of his suffering for us on the cross (which we may have to share to share in - 1 Pet 4:12). This has relevance to those who have suffered during the Pandemic in any way, death, bereavement, suffering, sickness, loss, change, inability to support family & friends, isolation, poverty, famine, etc. It reminds us that as Christians our lives are inextricably bound up with God, we have the assurance of victory in death, eternal life and the inheritance of our crown, but we are never promised that we will escape the sin and suffering of this world, whilst knowing that Jesus at the cross has ultimately paid the price of this, He is the Victor.

What has happened to many people during the last 15 months must grieve the heart of God, sometimes that grief can be expressed to us by Holy Spirit inspired music. Here are two examples, a lament & an expression of fragility.

A Lament for Covid, improvised music by Christian musicians “Epiphany”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkH4aIOEk34>

“Fragile” – also by “Epiphany”

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PRAYER:

Father we pray for all those who have suffered greatly as a result of the Pandemic, especially those who may have questioned your existence and tried to find you or are still seeking you. Lord, that they may look in the right places, that you would guide them to Christians and to Churches/ Church Communities, that your Spirit would reveal to them who You are and your work on the cross for them. Keep them from false idols and religious misinformation or, the thought that you are anything other than good in a fallen world. Amen.