

## TURNING

The people have had enough of lockdowns, Father.

When told to go into isolation,  
to maintain social distancing,  
to avoid crowded places,  
They saw the wisdom and (mostly) obeyed.

But now they have turned:  
'We did what you said;  
but now we've had enough.  
You said we will get sick and die;  
but I'm OK and so are my friends.  
You said isolation would solve the problem;  
but people have still been infected.  
You want us to live like this indefinitely;  
but we need our friends.  
We expected that you would conquer this thing;  
but you haven't, so we no longer trust you.'

They are fickle,  
Impatient,  
Lacking perseverance and resilience.

Am I like that, Father,  
In my service for you?  
Do I tire and lose resolve with time?  
Do I give up when nothing seems to change?  
Do I weaken when my plans don't bear fruit?

*Happy are those who remain faithful under trials, because when they succeed in passing such a test, they will receive as their reward the life which God has promised to those who love him. (James 1: 12, GNT)*