

Notes

Many of us know that, as a principle, this coronavirus is not a severe disease if you are healthy, but it is dangerous if you belong to the vulnerable people. This places us all before the challenge of trying to convey as little as possible a virus that moves like a fish in the water. It is to make us aware that our decisions determine public health, which is everyone's patrimony.

I believe that the situation we are living in, in a deeply individualistic era, finds us in a moment of critical seclusion, in which our decisions count more than ever. It is an opportunity as a society to think about oneself and, at the same time, take other people into account. We have to consider that many of our actions may have an impact, for better and for worse, even in those we do not know, and ignoring when or how. May we hopefully discover that behind public health there is the care of the common good, something that may also happen with ecology, economy, politics and thus a long list of possibilities that we often refuse to see.

If we live this historical moment in this way, we are expressing and developing the spiritual dimension of the human being, which is looking for a better quality of human life. Spirituality, as a human dimension, helps us in giving a transpersonal meaning to our own existence, and we orient ourselves in the cosmos regarding its origin and destiny. Spirituality, then, invites us to be more aware, feel the passing of our lives, and to be more responsible and supportive.

But as Christians, at such significant moment, we cannot feel satisfied with ourselves through the sole religious manifestations. Without going any further, I heard a priest say on the radio that the churches had to be opened so that people could enter and pray, in contravention of the order not to get out from home. I have also received the news of a nearby town where a confraternity has invited to put the image of the Lady of the Consolation on the balconies... Christians should do something more serious, more committed, which may be more in tune with the time we live. We also have to ask ourselves if that human quality that we are longing to recover again is in accordance with the Spirit of Jesus. We should express it, first of all, making ourselves aware of our motivations, discerning together, through our gestures, behaviours ... in order to make his Kingdom come, the same that Jesus proclaimed and started with his life.