

'Comfort my people' REFLECTIONS 3rd April Pope's Blessing of the World part 3

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In the storm, the world returns to Jesus

Our vulnerability uncovers those false and superfluous certainties around which we have constructed our daily schedules, our projects, our habits and priorities. The tempest lays bare all our prepackaged ideas and forgetfulness of what nourishes people's souls, ways of thinking and acting that prove incapable of putting us in touch with our roots. We deprive ourselves of the antibodies we need to confront adversity.

In this storm, the façade has fallen away, uncovering once more that (blessed) common belonging: our belonging as brothers and sisters.

In this world, that you love more than we do, we have gone ahead at breakneck speed, feeling powerful and able to do anything. Greedy for profit, we let ourselves get caught up in things, and lured away by haste. We did not stop at your reproach to us, we were not shaken awake by wars or injustice across the world, nor did we listen to the cry of the poor or of our ailing planet. We carried on regardless, thinking we would stay healthy in a world that was sick.