

## Thought for the Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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God who protects    Chine McDonald

Writing of life in the pandemic Chine says “For the first time in my life I felt this almost primal sense that I needed to do anything I could to provide food to be able to feed my family. In that moment, I sensed something of what it must mean to be a parent living in extreme poverty in some of the communities with whom Christian Aid works. And then there was the invisible virus.

And at times I wondered where God was in all this. How could a God of love let such awful things happen?

She reflects “People living in extreme poverty do not have the protections that we are used to having in the UK. As well as fighting for justice for them through the work of Christian Aid what I offer in the face of inequality is prayer.”

God who protects,

My heart breaks,

For those mothers and fathers who do not know

how they will feed their children.

God who weeps with us,

My heart breaks

For those mourning the death of loved ones to invisible viruses,

to conflict, through starvation.

God who heals,

My heart breaks

For the brokenness of this world; a world that you  
created and called good.

God who loves,

My heart breaks.

Help me to speak love where there is hate, bring hope where there is fear,  
light where there is darkness. Amen

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