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Folk who are interviewed in their homes for news programmes frequently sit in front of their bookcases. Many have been interested in the books on the shelves which give an insight to the personality.

As well as concern about the present crisis it opens up wider thinking.

This is a week to stimulate broader thinking. It is Christian Aid Week. Each year thoughts are focused on people and situations which are far from the comfortable lifestyle most of us enjoy.

It is an opportunity to broaden our horizons and look globally, so our prayers are for a battered world. Coronavirus is worldwide, Christian Aid is giving support to people everywhere in this situation, it may be clean water, guidance about hand washing, and much needed food day to day. As there are no giving envelopes in the usual way this year, support Christian Aid by texting HELP to 70477 to give £5 or go to caweek.org.

This week which has seen the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale and lights of hope were seen in windows on Tuesday night. We continue, as we must, to remember in our thoughts and prayers the NHS, carers and all providing necessary support so that life can go on in this difficult time. We also need to remember those in sadness at loss of loved ones.

We may be thinking of ways we can benefit from the slowing down of the lockdown. We remain mindful of the supporting hand of God in creation, in all creation.

May we be very aware of God being with us in this time of uncertainty and anxiety, and the wide concern of need not only our own.