

Dear French people,
The times are tough and hard to live,
But we will come through like we already did
After the World Wars.
Coronavirus has taken the joy, the energy and the life of our
country,
And reduced us to extremely long depressing weeks of silence and
patience.
Yes, indeed we are going through some gigantic economic crisis,
Some firms are bankrupt,
There is only online school available for children,
And there are thousands of deaths.
Where the epidemic hits, we fall.
But, please don't falter
Be brave
Be strong
Be smarter than corona: be safe + be resilient, and get up.
We will tackle this problem no matter what they say,
Be the pride of your descendants.
You will emerge from this period, I promise,
Even more courageous than you were before.
YOU have to shape the future of the country
Don't give up, don't worry.
We remain together.
We are all just having the same nightmare,
Which will disappear if we all behave properly,
As civilized men and women who respect their own health.
Ladies and gentlemen, here is the future in your hands.

*Cari Italiani,**

Since the day the virus entered our country, you've been in my mind.

You've been in my thoughts and prayers.

You've been in my heart.

Every evening, while watching the news announcing more and more of you getting infected, you are in my heart.

At the end of February, when they announced the closure of each highway leading to Brescia** and its area to stop the virus from spreading, my heart squeezed.

In the first days of March, when a lockdown in the whole country was announced, my heart squeezed a little more.

But I kept you in my heart.

I may be physically far away from you, here in Lyon, but I'm still emotionally close to you.

And I am proud of my fellow citizens.

Proud of all these persons that despite this horrible situation, despite the sadness caused by the lives that couldn't go on, continue to support each other, to help and care and inspire the world.

I am proud of how you adapted to this crisis,

how you turned car factories into respirator factories,

how you answered so massively to calls for volunteers to help in hospitals.

Fighting against this virus is asking us to make sacrifices.

It is challenging and hard but we will get through this together.

I know that once again, Italy will be back on its feet more beautiful than ever, like Italy has always done throughout its history.

*Andrà tutto bene****

Fellow humans of the world,

We are currently all stuck in our bedrooms, our kitchens, our gardens if we're lucky,
Wondering what to do next, finding little tasks to keep us busy just for the following hours.

For years, you wanted to stay inside, wear your pyjamas all day long and lay in your bed.

Now is the perfect time to be lazy.

For years, complaining about the disgusting food and the long hours at school were all you wanted to talk about.

Now is the perfect time to work in the kitchen.

Now is the perfect time to follow your own rhythm.

The Outside used to be a boring, neglected world, but these days it is all we seem to think about.

Spring has come, and we are missing out on it.

It's ironic that, from the moment we were locked in, the sky has been clearer than it ever was and the sun is shining stronger than it ever has.

Perhaps this is happening because we are letting Nature be:
everything can come alive once again.

'Read more books' wise people say

Read until you can't stand turning the pages anymore.

But even books have an ending

So discover something new to spend your time and energy on: something exciting, creative, fulfilling.

Then call all your friends and your family, exchange feelings of comfort that you all need.

Let's hope for the best in this tragedy.

Suffering this crisis may seem miserable and depressing, but you should not go downhill.

We are in lockdown but we won't break down.

Stay healthy, and stay lively.

Take this opportunity to recharge, resource, revitalize.

Rise from the ashes, tackle what has been bothering you, take time to reflect on your future, to shape it the way you wish to.

Take your time, you have plenty on your hands. For once.

I breathe you in and look at the mess we're in
I look through the window and nobody's out there
I listen to the birds I can finally hear, but no one told me it would feel that miserable
We used to be so close to one another, to hug each other
We used to go to parties, enjoy life and all it has to offer
Remember the feeling of the hot wind on your skin
Remember the spring breeze messing with your hair
Remember what this virus took away from us
Even if we can't see it, we know it's hitting us
Our invisible enemy, hiding in the dark, targeting the weakest of us
Thousands of deaths, thousands of families in pain, thousands of hospitals overwhelmed
France, when you hurt, we hurt
Paris, when you hurt, we hurt
Mulhouse, when you hurt, we hurt
You are us, we are you, we are one
Humanity has taken one heck of a blow but we're stronger, we've been through much harder
Even if we falter, even if we kneel, we are tougher
Through all this, we can't be defeated, we won't be defeated because we'll fight back
This is the cry we all yell from our windows at 8
This is the time when we encourage our soldiers
Because they're risking their lives every single day
Because they're putting our lives before theirs
So do as I say
Stay at home and cheer them at 8

Italia

Since March 2020, there is a defiance against the enemy
Your country is suffering
Your cities are suffering
Your people are suffering
But there is a fight, a violent fight without one superhero
All of them are superheroes
Doctors and nurses working overnight,
Grocers in your streets who give away products for free
And people respecting the containment
All of them are carrying a country nowadays
Hard work and perseverance
And you'll see the exit of the tunnel

You're the home of *pizzas*, of *pastas*, and *gelatos*
People won't turn their back on you for what you gave them
Show us, that you're a country that has never bent its knees
You cannot be defeated

Don't know if the war will continue for weeks or for months
Keep your strength
Just do it

CORONA

because you're here in our street, we are in our houses.
because you're in the air, our business closes.
you can't define it but you can feel it
so please just go away

we can beat corona together
wash your hands, wear a mask,
stay away coughing guy and stay at home

stay motivated and flaunt it
don't let corona ever get in the way of your life
diverting people's attention away from this virus
the only solution is intervention through art and human connection ...

so stay safe
wash your hands, wear a mask,
stay away coughing guy and stay at home

united corona is nobody

France,

There is a joy rising from our streets,
A unity common to all of us, French, that we can feel,
People proud to declare; 'we are French'
We, people born of revolutions and wars,
Growing up with the strength of our arms alone, sweating water and blood to
make it a proud homeland.
You, who save our brothers and sisters from the virus,
you who fight tirelessly night and day,
We give you our full support,
The support of a proud people who fights by your side,
Keep fighting, because without you we will be lost
My country, my city, my street, my house,
Let's keep fighting and we'll beat it,
As France has always done,
Home of Human Rights and Vaccines,
Despite the difficulty, the fatigue and the sadness, we are by your side.
Good luck, let's fight together to stem this pandemic.
Forever in our hearts,

Stay up France.

This pandemic isn't like anything we've ever seen. Some take it very seriously and some don't see the real danger. But the danger is very much here. It's everywhere around us and that's why we should all be careful. I know this is all new and frightening but everything will be fine. It's going to be hard and we're going to have to work for our safety everyday but we will make it. Each and every one of us needs to realise and understand that we have to respect the lockdown to win this fight. You're not safe until we are all safe, we need to do this together. Because this is no game, the lives of thousands of people are on the line. The only thing we have to do to overcome this is to stay at home. I know it's hard to stay all day, everyday, in a confined space but we're all doing it for ourselves, for our family and friends, for healthcare workers, for our country, for you. It'll be arduous but there's no other option, no other way to get through it. These circumstances may feel like the end of the world but just take a deep breath and carry on. This is the beginning of something new, let's start living better, being healthier. Not everything is negative, just see the impact this has on the planet ! The pollution has considerably decreased, our planet is starting to heal. And with a healed planet our lives can only be better after this storm. Because the sun always comes after the rain.