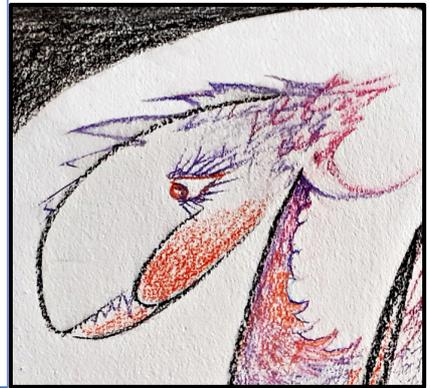


**50 SHADES  
OF HEAVENLY BLUE**  
Stories about the love of God  
Biblical texts with texts and pictures  
of Luus Verheijen

Story 17  
**Covid-19**



**Life upside down**

The Covid-19 virus makes our lives different. Since yesterday we can't go out on the street! Except for groceries and a breath of fresh air. You have to do that alone. You can visit a maximum of 3 people and they must be 1.5 meters apart. It is better not to visit. I don't visit. Have no visitors here too. I'm still vulnerable from last year's cancer. I'm fine now, I just have my silence, joy and peace with God.

**In the apartment building**

Here we have 34 apartments. Many people enter the hall. Nurses, doctors, household helpers, meal deliverers, people who deliver all kinds of internet purchases, grocery deliverers, taxi drivers and much more... It could just be, that one of those people brings the virus in. That is why we are going to clean in the general area with disinfectant. And there is someone here, who keeps an eye on whether everyone is still all right. No one is having Covid-19 yet. We would like to keep it that way. Almost all residents are in isolation. We are mostly indoors and do not visit each other. And also, we receive little visitors. Except for necessary things. I had a new domestic worker from Syria yesterday. She said that her husband came to Europe as a boat refugee and two years later she was allowed to come.

Compared with the things they had to go through, we have a very good life here, I think. I keep in touch with a few people here at home. By telephone and via WhatsApp. Or just in the hallway with the correct distance. Sometimes there is also someone at my window to have a chat. Here most of the people are, in what is now called the vulnerable group. That is between 65 and 95 years. And if everyone keeps an eye on a few people, nobody is lonely. That is, if one is open to remote contact.

### The text and the drawing

This story is a description of how my life is now, with the story of Co, the little dragon in it. The description shows the background against which Co's story originated.

#### Text

The text of the description of my life always has a blue heading. Co's story has red headings and can be read to children. There is a PowerPoint version for the children on the way, with the story of Co.

#### Drawing

The dragon, that is Lucifer, Satan, the serpent, the devil, the one who misleads the whole world. Who brings disease and who wants to remain hidden. In the drawing you see a small dragon. His name is Covid, but everyone calls him Co.

You also see a cross and a shield in the drawing. A cross in my drawings often means Jesus, or someone who follows him.

#### *Matthew 16:24*

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*  
Here the cross is an ordinary believer. His name is Mr. Cross.

#### *Ephesians 6:16*

*... In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.*  
Mr. Cross has his shield with him.



## **Chapter 1**

### **Co and Mr. Cross**

Co got the task of the big boss to sow a lot of fear. But with some people that doesn't work at all. How is that possible, thinks Co, I am much bigger!

Blowing sick has sometimes succeeded, but that of the fear ... He had a special assignment from the big boss. He had to deal with those people with the shields. That didn't seem difficult to him, they often don't even look at him. Especially the old ones are really easy, he thought.

"You have to make sure they drop the shield first," the big boss had said. "Otherwise, the fear will not come through. It is very good to make them confused!"

Mr. Cross, the believer, standing below the dragon, does not see Co at all. He stops a fire with his shield.

Co quickly slipped down the hill. And secretly he blows Mr. Cross ill.

Oooo. That doesn't make Co happy at all. He's leaving fast.

### **Disinfectant**

In the hall we want to clean the parts that are touched by people every day, so that the virus is less likely to enter the building. This is important.

So yesterday I wanted to buy some disinfectant. Wipes or spray bottles. I checked the internet at first, but which was a bit affordable, was all sold out. Then I went to the shops in the area. I was at AH, Dirk, Etos and Kruidvat and I also cycled to Jumbo, DA and the Pharmacy. Everything was sold out everywhere.

At home I looked at the internet again. I saw there that some Blokker stores still had limited stock. I called them first, because going there takes three quarters of an hour cycling. They still had two spray bottles. Those were prepared for me and so I went out again. It was lovely cycling weather now, so I enjoyed that. In the end I had my disinfectant at home. When I told this to the neighbor she said: "What a trip around the world, for a few spray bottles!"

## **Chapter 2**

### **Mrs. Dis-Infect-Ant**

Well, I'm going through a lot, thinks Co. Interesting job though! I recently wanted to blow a lady sick. She was in the hall of a large building. That smell there, it made me cry so much ... Phew, I really had to go outside. So the fight did not continue for a while ...

Her name is Dis-Infect-Ant, I have heard that, thinks Co. She was cleaning the mailboxes. She did that especially for Covid-19, she said to someone. She had also traveled for Covid-19! For me?

I have to go there again, because I believe Mr. Cross lives there too ... The big boss said, I still have to sow fear in him.

Otherwise I might still blow that woman sick. I heard that she was recently ill, so it will be easy. I don't really know if she has a shield, like Mr. Cross.

I'm going to get a breath of fresh air first. A tour around the building. Perhaps I will still see Mr. Cross then.

Co passes a lot of windows. It is different everywhere. But in one room he sees a cross. Would Mr. Cross live there?

Oh, there is also Ms. Dis-Infect-Ant! I think I'll stop by her tomorrow morning. The big boss has said, that the moment they wake up, is the best time to spread fear.



This drawing is about a terrible time I once had.  
The song Ocean fits well with that...

<https://youtu.be/OAI559WHMVM>

### **Anxiety or confidence**

Many people have experienced anxiety since Covid-19. That is very understandable of course. When the whole system of your life gets confused, you feel less safe. And if you don't live in the safe shelter of God ...

Many people are used to doing all kind of things outdoors. Sports, going out ... But that is not possible now.

Or they are used to being with their children and grandchildren a lot. And they miss them very much now.

It also seems very difficult to me, when people are working at home and that these people have their children at home too, because the schools are closed. So they also have to help the children with school work. That's too much at the same time ...

Terrible too, when old people, who don't have long to live, are not allowed to see their family. It is very painful when you cannot say goodbye to an important person in your life.

But God says:

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4, 6-7)*

There are also good things. Families are more together and that can be of great benefit.  
And if we can't be together in the natural world, we can get closer on a spiritual level.  
There are also many options via social media.

### **Covid 19 and Christians**

- If all goes well, we will continue to work for the Lord, right? Maybe in a different way, but His Kingdom is within us.
- And we can get closer to God by being thrown back on ourselves. Instead of fear, trust then comes.
- There is extra time for repentance, silence. Being quiet with God is very important. Surely God likes that side effect of Covid-19.
- Finally there is more appreciation for people in serving professions, God will be happy about that. After all, he finds serving so important! Nice that they are often called the Great Heroes now!

### **Chapter 3 The battle of Co**

When Co enters the room of the cross, early in the morning, through the window, he takes a look at the cross. A gentleman hangs on there, which is weird ... Could this be the room of Mr. Cross?

I will ask Ms. Dis-Infect-Ant later. He carefully steps through the door. He sees her shield next to the bed.

Ahhhhhhh, he calls out and immediately he starts blowing sick. But Ms. Dis-Infect-Ant shoots up and says very loud and strict: "In the Name of Jesus, go away and take your illness with you!" And she is very big and strong now!

And then Co is outside again! But he still has so many questions! So, Co carefully knocks on the window. "Can I come in here," says Co. "I have so many questions ..."  
"That's good, but if you start blowing sick, Jesus will put you out again right away! What did you want to ask?" says Ms. Dis-Infect-Ant.

Shy Co asks: "Does Mr. Cross live next door?" "No, why do you think so?" "Well, there is a cross with a gentlemen on it and one without a gentlemen," says Co.

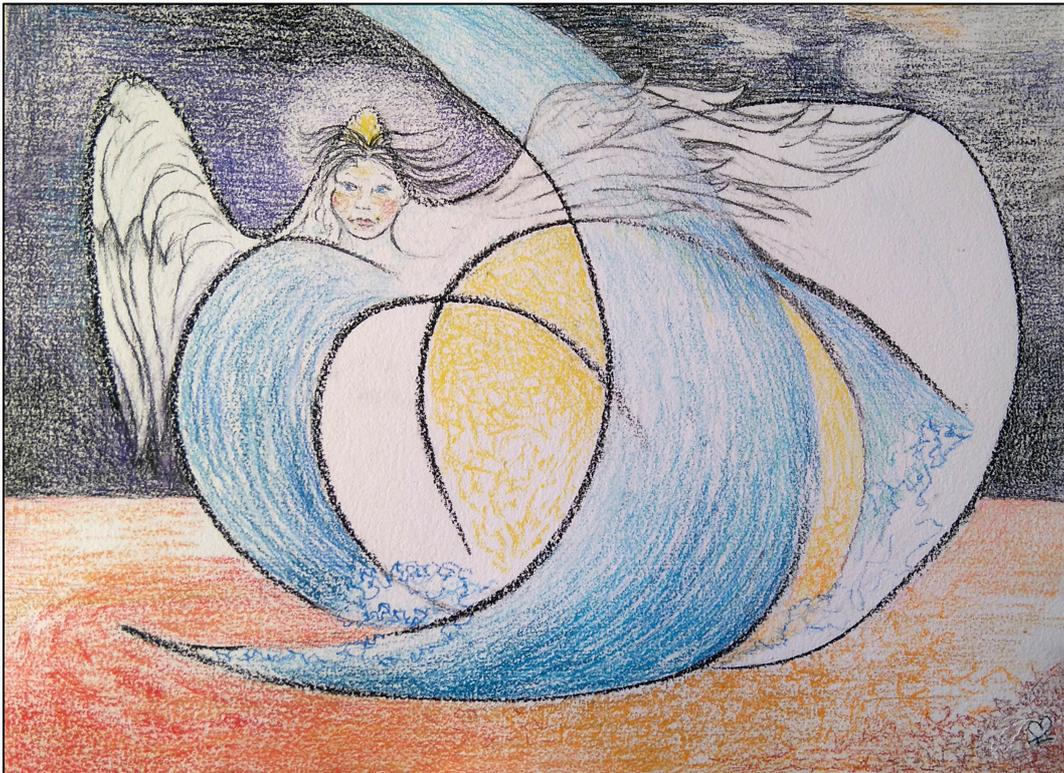
"Yes, that's right, but that's my room. Those crosses are mine. The one with that gentleman is from the old days; from my father and mother. That is Jesus, who died on the cross for us. But he has risen again and he is alive. So I also have an empty cross."

"That Jesus of that cross, did he put me out there?"  
"Yes that's right Co." "And this Jesus is that your boss?"  
"Yes he is."  
"Can I maybe also work for him?" "Perhaps", says Ms. Dis-Infect-Ant.  
"I don't really like blowing sick anymore ... Wouldn't Jesus send me away because I look like a dragon?" "No, Jesus does not look at your outside appearance. He looks at your heart. And you have a very sweet heart!"

#### **Chapter 4** **Living Water**

Ms. Dis-infect-Ant says: "When you go out later, you will see a lady with wings. Then you have to ask, 'Do you have living water?' And if she says 'Yes' then she can help you. She is an angel."

'May I have that too, that water, I'm quite thirsty!' "You should talk to her quietly about that. Good?" "And can I come back again?" "If you take another job." "For example with your boss?" "Yes, if you go to work there, you can always knock on the door, because then we become brother and sister!"  
"Reeeally??? Well, see you then," says Co.



When Co came out of the wall at the house of Ms. Dis-Infect-Ant, he immediately saw the woman with the wings. And she had living water, she said. But he didn't get that yet.

The angel told him to go to Mr. Cross first! Then he will be taught by her, how to get the living water. "But I can't find him," says Co.

"Yes Co, that's because he is in isolation in the hospital; he is very ill of your sick-blowing."

"Ooooo, how bad, Co cries. The boss had said, 'They have to cough a little, which is very funny ...' Where's the hospital?"

"Come on, we'll go there right away." She takes him to the hospital. "You can go inside. Then you see on the left a large sign with all departments and there is a route-number. Then you should look at Intensive Care. And then you follow that number. Do you think you can?"

"Yes, with us there is a lot with numbers and I am already 15 years old! Can I go in there, at Intensive Care?"

"Just go in and you'll see a gentleman cleaning there. That's an angel. He already knows you're coming. He will bring you to the window of Mr. Cross. And then you can talk to him through the window."

"I find it scary. And don't they say: "Get away in the Name of Jesus?" "No, most people don't see you. So you can quietly go to Mr. Cross."

## **Chapter 5**

### **The next morning**

Co knocks at Mrs. Dis-Infect-Ant again and is happy to come in. "I went to see Mr. Cross and he was all on ho-ho-hoses and pe-pe-pi-pipes and TVs with mountains on it, and they went back and forth! He is very si-si-sick. He was so miserable ... He saw me. I said I did it, the sick-blowing. He says he has forgiven me. He asks if I will pray for him. I have said yes, but I can't yet. The wing woman said that you will teach me that."

"That's good Co, sit down first. Would you like a cup of tea?" Then she is going to make tea.

Look, she has a different head on the cupboard! With long hair. Ms. Dis-Infect-Ant says: "I recently looked in the mirror and then I thought: This head no longer fits the rest!" So then she put it off. She no longer uses it, she says. Yeah maybe just for fun sometimes ...

"My big boss has seven heads," says Co. "Are you a boss too?"

"No," she says. "Have you ever seen him?"

"Yes a few times. The last time was, when I got the order from now. From sick-blowing and fear."

"Do you like him?"

"Yes he is nice, but I find him a bit scary ..."

"Can I call you Ms. Dis now? I find your name so difficult."  
"Yes, that's good, Co."  
"My name is actually Covid-19 but I like Co more," says Co.  
Ms. Dis thinks so too. "Do you have 18 brothers and sisters?"  
Ms. Dis asks.  
"No, those are other Covid families. I do not know them.  
But I do have many brothers and sisters and we are all  
called Covid-19.  
We don't like that, that's why I secretly call myself Co. My  
sister's name is Covi. But I don't know the others. The big boss  
does not think this is necessary. He doesn't want us to be  
together. We need to understand isolation, he says ..."

## **Chapter 6**

### **Does he die?**

"(Snif) I think he will d-d-die, Mr. Cross."  
"Yes, that could be Co, he is very ill. We can ask Jesus to make  
Mr. Cross better. Maybe he'll do that then. But you know, Mr.  
Cross is very old. Maybe now he feels it is his time to die. And  
he thinks it is not that bad anymore."  
"Not that bad !!! ????" "No, because if he dies, he will go to  
Heaven with Jesus." "What is Heaven?" Heaven is a place  
where all is well. Nobody is sick or angry."  
"O really !!! ??? Can I have a look there?"  
"No, you cannot go there until Jesus approves. You're probably  
not ready yet, are you?"



“Oh, yes, I still have to pray for Mr. Cross! How do you do that? Should we ask if he gets better or not?”

“I don't know Co. But Jesus knows best what is good for Mr. Cross. You know what, we ask:

Jesus, we ask for Mr. Cross, what you think is best for him.”

“Wa-wa-what you like best, we ask fo-fo-for mister Cross, Jesus! Oh and Jesus can I go to Heaven later?”

“Well said, Co very good. You can say everything to Jesus, ask anything. And that's what they call prayer,” says Ms. Dis.

“Oooooo,” says Co.

“Do you want to learn more about prayer?” Co wants that.

“Then you can see my War Room next time.”

“Do you have a War Room? That includes that shield I see there for sure. I know something about war!”

I'll take another boss anyway, Co thinks. I'll ask Ms. Dis tomorrow. I don't think she's that scary. And then I also ask her forgiveness for wanting to blow her sick. Because that bothers me. She's quite sweet ...

### Prayer

Recently, God has taught me more about prayer.

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18)*

Saints, this refers to all believers who have received forgiveness from Jesus and have made a new, clean beginning by confessing guilt.

It is important when praying, that you do it with regularity and dedication. Seek guidance from the Holy Ghost before praying!

Prayer should be:

Intense.                      Persistent until the goal is reached.

Goal oriented.              Bold.

Very precise.              (according to Chip Ingram)

### War Room

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.*

*Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

*(Ephesians 6: 10-12)*

- Our fight is not against people. A battle is going on in the spiritual world.
- Fight the real enemy! The devil wants to lie, cheat and get people away from God. He comes to steal your joy, kills your faith when given the chance and wants to destroy your relationships.
- We have been advised to use our faith as a shield to keep standing. And we can do much more.

The movie War Room made a big impression on me. It is a good example of how we can shape our prayer life. It benefits me a lot.

The following things are important.

You need a space where you are not distracted. God wants us to turn into ourselves and focus on him. With our heart and mind. And he wants us to pray in secret. He will reward us for that.

- In every battle you need a strategy and tools to defeat the enemy.
- What do you want to improve in your life? What is your struggle?
- Look at all areas of life.
- And learn how to fight with the right weapons.
- Fight the evil one by praying.
- It may be necessary to evict the real enemy from your home with God's Word.

Some examples of praying from War Room:

- Be thankful for your blessings,
- but also address your needs and requests to God.
- If you have to confess something, do it and ask for forgiveness.
- Believe he loves you and will take care of you.
- Pray for everyone the Lord reminds you of.
- Don't rush it and then listen to him.

## **Chapter 7**

### **The War Room of Ms. Dis**

Ms. Dis opens the curtains of a cupboard and there is a bed in it! "If I put the bed down, the War Room will open," said Ms. Dis. Waw, thinks Co, you see of course a bed, but behind it, on the wall are all kind of notes!

"Can you read them Co?" Ms. Dis asks.

"Yes, it is three parts. Learning, The Plan and The World. Does everyone have this on the wall?" "No, everyone does something different.

Three things are important to me.

- Learn how to become a better person, more like Jesus.
- The Plan for my future.
- The World, where there are nasty things. Then I ask Jesus to put them away."

"Then why is this War Room?"

"We fight with God against the evil spirits and we have weapons! Look at it on that note."

*Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.*  
(Ephesians 6: 13)

*Stand firm then,*

- *with the belt of truth buckled round your waist,*
- *with the breastplate of righteousness in place,*
- *and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.*
- *In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.*
- *Take the helmet of salvation*
- *and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*  
*(Ephesians 6: 14-17)*

Have you ever had a fight?"

"Yes, I asked Jesus in my heart one day, but then I had to fight a lot of evil spirits in the evening.

I didn't know how to do that yet, so I was very scared. Then I started to sing a song about the great power of Jesus. I didn't even know it well, but I kept singing for a long time, 'My Savior, he can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save...' And then Jesus came!

All the scary ghosts were gone at once!

You can get closer to Jesus by singing songs about him. That is very nice. That's what they call worship. We will always be safe in the circle of the light of Jesus.



*... but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. (Proverbs 29:25)*

And when I was just thinking about this, God said: YOUR FAITH SAVED YOU! That is what Jesus always says in the Bible when someone is healed or liberated. (The Bible is a book about God. There is a lot about Jesus in it.) And because we need a shield against the evil one, faith in Jesus and prayer are so important.

I also pray that through Covid-19, many people will think about their lives and that they will look for Jesus.”

“Well, then I did something good too!” says Co happy.

## **Chapter 8**

### **Co's fight ...**

Ms. Dis wakes up. It is the middle of the night. There is a gentle knock on the window ... “Who's there?” “It's me, Co!” She opens the door quickly.

Co is looking awful! He certainly has been fighting. He has tears in his skin and his right wing is broken.

“Come in soon, Co, sit down on the couch and I'll make a cup of tea.” says Ms. Dis. When she comes back with the tea, he immediately starts to tell.

“I have been fired! I had a fight with the big boss. He was so a-a-angry. I did my job completely wrong, he said. And then he hit me and bit me too! So hard!

And then I called Jesus and he came right away! He protected me and dropped me off here. When I looked back, I saw the big boss getting very small in the distance. ‘YOU WILL NEVER SEE HIM BACK!’ Jesus said!”

“What have you been through a lot Co,” says Ms. Dis.

“Yes and I don't have a house anymore!”

“Oh, then you can stay here on the couch! Are you in pain Co?”

“It works, when I sit still, it doesn't hurt much ... Only the cracks that are open, they hurt. And the wing doesn't hurt if I don't fly.” says Co.

“I have an ointment that's special for tearing. It also helped me well. Shall I apply it to you?” Yes, please, nods Co. “Have you ever had a fight?” “Yes, quite a lot. But I am also quite old. One I already told you. Do you remember the one about singing?” When she applies the ointment, the cracks close immediately. But it doesn't work very well at the wing ... When she is ready she says:

“Relax and lie down, then I will put a blanket over you.” And she takes a very big blue blanket from her bed. “This is a real hospital blanket!” she says proudly. Fortunately Ms. Dis has a very large sofa! It can hold up to six people. It is large enough for Co. She puts the blanket over Co. The blanket is a bit too small for Co actually, Ms. Dis thinks ...

“Oh, that's sweet, nobody has ever done that before!” says Co.

“You are very sweet too; and we are brother and sister now.”

“Yes,” says Co, “Jesus said that too. And tomorrow Ms. Angel will pick me up and then I can go on holiday with her. I've never been on vacation!”

“Ms. Angel will also be able to repair your wing tomorrow. She knows a lot about wings.

You go to sleep now. Shall I sing a song for you?" Co laughs. He lies satisfied on the couch and falls asleep while she is singing.

Ms. Dis sings:

You are here, you are with us	Give al your worries to him.
Every day, every hour among us.	Now open your heart
You are here, you are with us,	to the living Word of God.
come to him and trust him now.	He is with us...
Put your burden down,	He is here, he is with us,
with the God who gives us life.	come to him and trust him now.

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**Get a good heart: Rise above yourself**



Protect your heart and guard your limits. You decide what goes in and out. Let the good inside your heart and put the evil outside.

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable ... think about such things.  
(Philippians 4: 8)*

## Finally

- I pray for all Christians, that in the dark age of Covid-19, our light may shine brightly and bring people to the Lord.
- I pray that the Christians, who have not yet met Jesus, really get to know him and will have a relationship with God. At a difficult time in his life, a person often gets a better view of God.
- The virus cannot be from anything other than the evil one. Apparently God allows it to be in the whole world. May be it is here to learn us something.  
I think the world is too far away from God. People want to decide everything by themselves. They want to be like God. And that was the sin, through which mankind lost the Paradise...
- Compared to other people in the world, many of us, (including me) do not have such a bad time during the period of the Covid-19 virus here, I think.

## SOS-MORIA, Praying action

On the island Lesbos in Greece, is Refugee Camp Moria. The people in the Refugee Camp Moria are normally already having a hard time. They must live with 20,000 people in a camp built for 3,000! Without proper medical care and protective equipment. There is no room to keep a distance. Covid-19 has already arrived on Lesbos, also in the other camps, but not yet in camp Moria. The people in the camp have very little chance of surviving, once the virus has arrived ... I recently spoke to a young man who spent 17 months in the camp when he was 17 and who is now staying in Scheveningen. He asked if we would also pray that God will take away the fear in the camp. There is a lot of violence there. Especially against children and young people.

*When I had just thought of praying for Moria Refugee Camp in the Name of Jesus, I walked from my bedroom to the living room. I am sure that Jesus walked next to me then (I never saw him, but I hear him) and that he told me to pray with as many people as possible. Jesus calls us to stand around Moria Refugee Camp. In a spiritual sense ... To keep Covid-19 from entering there.*

*In the Name of Jesus we forbid the spirits to bring Covid-19 in Moria Refugee Camp on Lesbos in Greece. Go away! Covid-19 is not allowed in. It may never enter the camp!  
In the Name of Jesus!*

*God, please help the people of Camp Moria not to be afraid, but to be with you in peace ... Especially the children and the young. And will you help them, to find a good place to live?  
In the Name of Jesus. Amen.*

03-07-20: Through [www.gainhelpt.nu/lesbos](http://www.gainhelpt.nu/lesbos) sometimes there is news about Moria Refugee Camp.  
There is no Covid-19 in the camp now!

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