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Remember young people around the world, especially the poor. In some places, children are being forced to leave school & go to work. For many the work is difficult & dangerous manual labor. These children are working in order to have enough to eat as the pandemic leaves their parents out of work.
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- For **Nigeria**. Peaceful protests there persuaded the government to disband a notorious police unit, the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (Sars). The unit has been accused of illegal detentions, assaults & shootings. Unfortunately, some people have used the peaceful protests as an excuse for luting & violence which has led to curfews & police crackdowns in Lagos state. There are now credible reports that some of the police are using excessive force, resulting in the injury & death of some protestors.
- for **all who suffer**; from the ugliness of racism & brutality; from the dehumanizing nature of fear; or from the consuming & destructive power of hate.
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