

**The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP  
Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
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**A national day of reflection**

Dear Prime Minister,

Over a million people across the UK have experienced a close bereavement since lockdown began. Behind the statistics and whatever the cause or place of death, every death has been devastating for their families, friends and colleagues in communities across the UK.

Many of those bereaved during lockdown have not been able to hold loved one's hands as they were dying, properly say goodbye, comfort or even hug each other. They have been unable to mourn as they would in 'normal' times and will be more likely to struggle with the long-term effects of grief.

We are in desperate need of a national day to unite in memory and collectively reflect, remember, grieve and celebrate the lives of everyone who has died during lockdown and show support for our families, friends and colleagues who have been bereaved.

Along with the end of life charity Marie Curie, we would therefore be delighted if you would support the national day that we all desperately need and announce it for 23 March 2021, to mark the 1st anniversary of the lockdown.

Yours sincerely,

*Signatories*