

# A Prayer for the Ongoing Fight Against the Coronavirus Pandemic

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'O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come' we thank you for your continued help in the great global fight against the devastation caused by the coronavirus pandemic. We give you praise for the speed with which vaccines have been developed and rolled out, and for the quiet heroism of millions of medical professionals and frontline workers around the world.

Jehovah Shalom, Lord of Peace, we remember those living in coronavirus hotspots around the world, and we particularly pray for the US, India and Brazil; halt the spread of COVID-19. We also pray for those currently in isolation where-ever they may be. May they know your presence in their isolation, your peace in their turmoil and your patience in their waiting. Prince of Peace, you are powerful and merciful; let this be their prayer –

**[Response]** *"May your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need. Help us, God our Saviour, for the glory of your name."*  
(Psalm 79:8)

God of all Comfort and Counsel, we pray for those who are grieving, reeling from the loss of loved ones. May they find your fellowship in their suffering, your comfort in their loss, and your hope in their despair. We name before you those known to us who are vulnerable and scared - the frail, the sick and the elderly.

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God of all Comfort, you are powerful and merciful; may this be our prayer –

**[Response]** *"He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us."*  
(2 Corinthians 1:10)

Jehovah Rapha, God who heals, we pray for all medical professionals dealing daily with the intense pressures of this crisis around the world. Grant them resilience in weariness, discernment in diagnosis, and compassion upon compassion as they care. We thank you for the army of researchers who worked steadily towards a cure – we pray that the vaccine would be distributed swiftly, equitably and effectively throughout the nations. Would you rise above this present darkness as the Sun of Righteousness with healing in your rays. May this be our prayer –

**[Response]** *"Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you."*  
(Jeremiah 32:17)

God of all Wisdom, we pray for our leaders: the World Health Organisation, national governments, and local leaders too - heads of schools, hospitals and other institutions. Since you have positioned these people in public service for this hour, we ask you to grant them wisdom beyond their own wisdom to contain this virus, faith beyond their own faith to fight this fear, and strength beyond their own strength to sustain vital institutions through this time of turmoil. God of all Wisdom and Counsel, you are powerful and merciful; may this be our prayer –

**[Response]** *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear"* (Psalms 46:1-2)

I bless you with the words of Psalm 91: "Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you." (Psalm 91:3-7)

**[Response]** *"Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer."* (Psalm 4:1)

May El Shaddai, the Lord God Almighty who loves you protect you. May Jesus Christ, His Son who died for you save you. And may the Holy Spirit who broods over the chaos and fills you with his presence, intercede for you and in you for others at this time.

**[Response]** *"The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen."* (2 Timothy 4:18)