

Prayer to end the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Oh Holy One, who made us in Your divine image, gave us our first breath of life, and who dwells in our bodily temples, hear our payers.

We pray for people around the world who have suffered from COVID-19- for those who are sick, who have lost loved ones, whose lives have been taken away.

We pray for the nurses and doctors who are under-resourced without PPE, ventilators, hospital beds, and other necessities to care for people. We pray for their own health and sustenance to continue amidst the COVID-19 calamity.

We pray for the journalists, truth tellers, human rights defenders and others whose rights have been curtailed, actions criminalized, and lives threatened or violated under the guise of “stay at home” orders.

We pray for the children who have been deprived of education. We pray for their families struggling to provide nurturing childhoods and for new ways of thinking in all of us to meet the needs of children today.

We pray for the billions of people who are hungry, thirsty and houseless due to poverty exacerbated by the economic impacts of COVID-19.

We know that there is a balm in Gilead. We pray that everyone everywhere has access to a COVID-19 vaccine, no matter their caste, class, race, ability, gender, religion, ethnicity, or citizenship status.

We pray for our leaders in Congress, in the White House, in multilateral institutions, and governments around the world to do everything in their power to make vaccines, testing, and treatment available to all! Without these tools, the economic and social injustices will not cease.

May you give us, and especially our leaders, the courage to make available TODAY the tools- a vaccine- to end the worldwide suffering from this disease. May we find the path to renewal and redemption out of this pandemic.

Amen