

A Prayer regarding Coronavirus
to be offered by Christians and non-Christians

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*Almighty God,
we come to You with broken hearts over what's happening
all over the world by the spread of Coronavirus.
Even though it is a shock to us, it is no surprise to You because,
as God Omniscient, You know everything from beginning to end,
and the end from the beginning. We fall prostrate before You
confessing our utter helplessness and misery.*

*We worship You as the God of Love.
We worship You as the God of Mercy.
We worship You as the God of Grace.
We pray for Your intervention at this critical hour.
Forgive us for worshipping science and technology instead of You our Creator.
Forgive us our idols of greed and lust. Forgive us our self-centred life.
Forgive us our evil thoughts, unkind words and corrupt deeds.
Forgive us our ungodly systems
which allow the rich become richer but let the poor become poorer.
Forgive us our neglect of charity and our stinginess in giving to the havenots.
Forgive us our lack of brotherly love towards our fellowmen.
Forgive us our pride, haughtiness and rebellious attitude.
Forgive us for electing many corrupt men and women to rule over us.
Forgive us for allowing cultural differences to divide us.
Forgive us our better-than-thou attitude.
Have mercy on us, O God.
We know that You are generous in forgiveness.*

*Father God,
in spite of numerous preventive measures and sophisticated treatment facilities,
the national leaders worldwide have come to their wit's end.
We pray for those affected with the virus.
We remember how Jesus healed all those who came to Him
with their sicknesses and infirmities.
We believe that He is an unchanging Healer.
Be with the medical personnel who treat these patients.
Send Your healing virtue to flow as a stream into our communities.
Have mercy on the innocent children
and the weak elderly who are vulnerable to such diseases.*

*Dear Lord,
we pray for the bereaved families and friends of thousands
who became victims to this virus.
Their loss is unbearable and their sorrow inextinguishable.
You are the God of All Comfort.
We remember how Jesus wept when His friend Lazarus died,
even though He had known that He would resurrect him.
Dear Father,
speak peace to the hearts and homes of these dear families.
Only Your presence can fill the vacuum in their lives, O God.*

*Father God,
we read in the Bible how You stopped plagues
when people cried to You with tears of repentance.
Help all of us, Indians and non-Indians,
to turn to You the only true and living God at this hour.
Let our cities and towns get rid of liquor shops, brothels,
gambling centres and the like.
Forgive us who underpay the labourers and exploit their helplessness.
May be their cries have reached Your ears! You are the God of the Poor.
As a nation we are sinning against You.
As a world we are disobeying Your commandments.
Our cup of iniquity is overflowing. We have mistaken Your patience.
Please, Lord, do not punish us according to our sins.
We beg You to turn away Your anger from us.
Forgive us, Christians, who have failed to be the light in the society.
Forgive us and heal our Land, O God!
Forgive our children and youngsters
who disobey the parents and rebel against the elders.
We pray that You soften their hearts towards submission
lest they come under Your curse.*

*Dear Father,
we remember the prophetic words Jesus spoke over two thousand years ago
to His disciples that famines, plagues and earthquakes in various places
would be on the increase as a sign of endtimes.
These days are already on us.*

*The Bible, Your Word,
says that these are prelude to the Second Coming of Your Son, Jesus.
Strengthen us with Your grace, O God,
to withstand these difficult times and stay prepared for His Return
by believing on Him for salvation and eternal life.*

*Thank You, O God, for hearing this prayer, as inadequate as it is.
Do not delay the answer.*

*We once again fall at Your feet worshipping You
as God Omnipresent, God Omnipotent and God Omniscient.*

*In the Name of Jesus, we offer this prayer.
Let it be so!*



(This Prayer is written on the basis of these 50 Bible references: Isaiah 41:26; 1 John 4:16; Psalms 103:11; 1 Peter 5:10; Hosea 14:3; Colossians 3:5; Philippians 2:4; Mark 7:20-23; 2 Corinthians 8:13-15; 9:9-11; Proverbs 11:24-26; Matthew 22:39; 2 Timothy 3:1-4; 1 Timothy 3:1-9; Proverbs 31:4,5; Deuteronomy 17:17; Acts 10:34,35; 17:26-28; Matthew 7:3-5; Psalms 130:4; Matthew 4:24; Hebrews 13:8; Luke 5:17; 2 Corinthians 1:3; John 11:35; 2 Chronicles 6:28-31; John 17:3; Acts 14:15; James 5:1-5; Psalms 69:33; Proverbs 19:17; Romans 2:3-6; Ezra 9:15; Psalms 130:3; 103:10; 103:8,9; 30:5; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Malachi 4:6; Luke 1:17; Exodus 20:12; Matthew 24:7; Luke 21:11, 34-36)

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