## PRAYERS OF HOPE IN THE TIME OF COVID-19



FAITH AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

### PRAYER FOR LIFE

### In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful

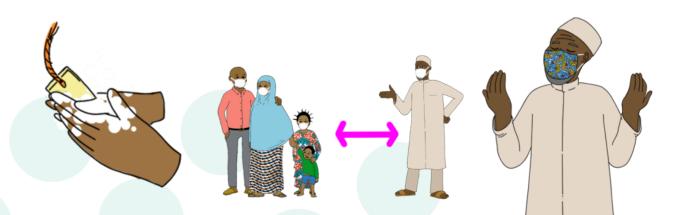
Dear God, we thank you for this life that you have bestowed upon us. We ask you lord to continue favoring us throughout our stay on earth.

We pray that our lives revolve around your will: you know our needs, you know our problems, you know what is in our mind and hearts; prolong our lives by blessing us with good health and sound mind.

Lord, it is you who gives life and it is you who takes life. We come to you asking for a life filled with love and joy. We ask you to grant us the privilege of grand parenting and graceful aging.

We ask for your protection against the suffering caused by coronavirus. May you help us fulfill our mission in life, lead us into accomplishing what you have destined for us. May we contribute to preventing new cases of coronavirus by taking simple steps like physical distancing, hand hygiene, covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, wearing a face mask, and avoid gatherings. May we stand together against violence and abuse during COVID-19. May we act and live to see the end of this pandemic.

Lord when we look back over our lives, we can only see your faithfulness: you have made for us ways where we didn't see any way. We thank you for the gift of life.





## PRAYER FOR HOPE

### In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful

Almighty God, make us the voice of hope and wisdom in these challenging times. Guide us always to seek and share accurate scientific information about COVID-19 in our faith communities.

Help us to be strong, courageous and hopeful!

We give you thanks for the many scientists, researchers and all those who are working to advance the research, development and ensure access to COVID-19 diagnostic tools, good quality treatments, and vaccines.

Let's unite in prayer to support them.

You teach us, Almighty God that, in these challenging times, it is the spirit of global togetherness that gives us hope: COVID-19 will be defeated once all people, in all countries, are protected – through our joint actions.



Yaa Rabbana (our lord), may you inspire us into mentoring our young people. Motivate them to have a brighter future especially at this time of crisis. May we empower them and be the source of hope for them. May they learn from our example to adopt protective measures against the spread of COVID-19.

Listen to our voices and carry our hope.

Yaa Allah (O God), may you take care of all our needs; touch our lives with joy and contentment; bless our heart with faith; comfort our souls with gladness and inner peace; grant us good health, lasting comfort and relief from the burdens of life. May you turn our sorrows into joy and our worries into blessings.

## PRAYER FOR CONNECTION

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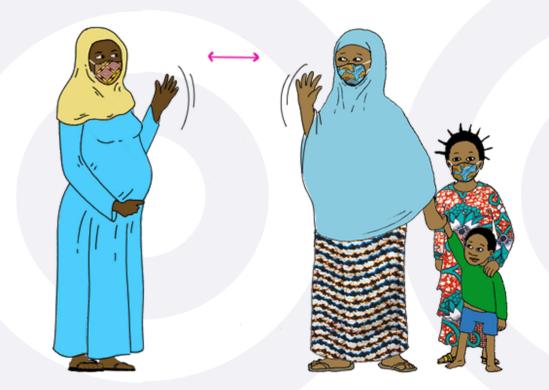
Almighty God you taught us in the Quran when you said "and be careful of (your duty to) God in whose name you demand (your rights) from one another and (to) the ties of relationship, surely God is ever watchful over you." In this you reminded us about our connection with our relatives, neighbors and friends. May you perfect it in our hearts.

May we always regard and magnify our ties with our relations especially during these difficult times of COVID-19. Lord, as we isolate ourselves to protect others and ourselves, bestow upon us the heart that thinks well of others. You are Ar- Rahman (the Beneficent) the originator of all relationships. Make us fulfill our obligations towards one-another; may we love one-another and open our heart to every human being; and may we value our friends, neighbours and relatives especially those in need.

Almighty, bless us with tolerance and tranquility. Make us humble as we remember to serve you. Let not the COVID-19 disease pour fear into our hearts and mind but rather let it make us strong and resilient.

Lord, we entrust our lives in your hands. Make us love one another. Make us love our brothers and sisters as you love us. Make us protect them by practicing physical distancing, wearing a mask, washing our hands and avoiding gatherings.

May you give us the strength to smile when we feel sad; to stay calm when we feel stressed; and to have faith when we feel lost. We know that many people suffer in silent. Make us capable of accompanying them through social media, with our prayers and acts of solidarity.



# PRAYER FOR POSITIVE ROLE MODEL

In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful

Lord, we thank you for the gift of life. We are grateful for what you have given us. We are grateful for the opportunity to lead by example: to encourage the members of our community to be role models for their family, friends, and colleagues by following the advice on COVID-19 from the doctors, local health authorities, and the government.



We always look around at all the blessing you have given us. We pray that this is the time for us to realign and refocus. We are willing to try something new, the new normal.

Lord, many generations to come will be looking at us: at how we come out from this pandemic. Make us their role models too. Let us have a fresh vision and bless us with more creativity to advance the research of better testing tools; to identify treatments; and ensure access to all of quality vaccines. We pray for following preventive measures to save lives. We seek your guidance as we put on face masks, as we wash our hands with soap, and as we keep social distance. Lord walk with us all through because we depend on you for the best guidance.

We ask you, the sustainer, to bring opportunities across our path and enlarge our vision. As we raise our hands in prayers, we ask you to prepare our hearts and minds to follow all the measures necessary to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Lord, make us observants of the experts and good teachers for the vulnerable. We thank you God for the protocols that are put in place. We thank you for all those who have put their lives at risk by working tirelessly so that others may live. Lord reward them and make them our role models.

## PRAYERS ON CARING

#### In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful

Almighty God, today we are before you once again with our hands risen, praying for all those who took time and effort to help others. May you send upon them your blessing and shelter them under your wings.

We pray that you touch the hearts of all people: give us the courage and strength to seek for correct information and knowledge on the risks of COVID-19, so that we can protect and care for each other.

Grant us your love, compassion and care. Make us the instruments of your presence in people who suffer because of COVID-19. Allow them to feel God's healing touch through our compassionate care.

Bless us all with peace of mind and kindness in our hearts to love our neighbors as ourselves. **As we know that even without being physically together, we can join others in communion of prayer.** Help us to show compassion to others during times of lockdowns and limitations on movement.

Yaa Allah, we ask you to protect and guide us in every step of the way. Keep our hearts firmly attached to you no matter what we are going through.

Lord, soften our hearts so that we can easily observe the safety guidelines and protocols to protect our children, our elderly, those with underlying conditions and the vulnerable. May we all be our brothers' keepers, as we look out for their safety.



## PRAYERS ON CELEBRATION

In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful

Lord, the Almighty, today we prostrate before you with our heads down on the earth to thank you for this moment. Today, in our faith community, we welcome and celebrate health workers and people who have recovered from COVID-19.

Today, we pray for all our brothers and sisters who have courageously overcome COVID-19. We say thank you Lord for your protection. We say thank you Lord for your mercy. We say thank you Lord for your kindness.

We pray that those who have recovered will inspire millions around the world who have lost hope. Bless them with positive attitude. Make them be like the vessel: they be the change; they be the difference; and they be the inspiration.

Life is a precious gift of God. Lord, we are grateful to be alive. We are grateful for our families and we are honored to have people who have recovered from COVID-19 as members of our faith community!

We are grateful for each opportunity you offer us: for the vaccines under development; the search of COVID-19 treatments and better testing tools. Nowadays, there are ever stronger signs of hope and solidarity, a sense of, and desire for togetherness. We shall make the most of these moments: this has to be celebrated!

Today, we celebrate because we know that everything comes from you, everything belongs to you and everything lives by your will. Glory be to you, Lord of the universe, the most merciful.

Lord, continue support us to adhere to the laid down recommendations. Make us observe the social distancing, the frequent hand washing, the use of hand sanitizers and wearing of face masks.

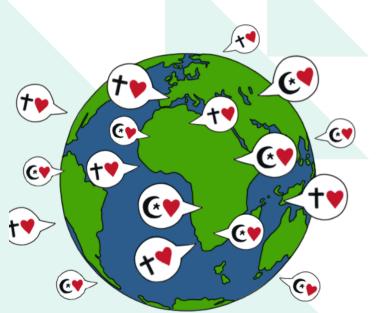
Flood our hearts with love; our souls with spirituality; our minds with wisdom; and may the strength of faith stay in our hearts forever.



## PRAYERS ON INFLUENCE

In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful.

O Allah, Lord of humankind, help us to lead from the front. To influence our communities to follow preventive measures that will save lives and stop the spread of COVID-19.



God, you have equipped us for every battle we face through prayers: lead us in prayers even during these times – with hope, connection, care, gratitude and celebration!

Oh, our Lord Allah, we are grateful for the SAFE and EFFECTIVE COVID-19 vaccines that have been identified. Now we can pray together that these will be available soon to those who most need them, including frontline workers and the older loved ones in our communities.

Oh Lord, give us strength as we continue, now more than ever, to respect simple steps for PREVENTION that work: washing our hands; watching our distance; and wear a mask.

We ask you for wisdom as we lead by example.

In this time of Covid-19, Lord, we pray for courage. We pray for endurance. We pray for self control; and we pray for humility as we navigate through the new normal.

In the time of COVID-19, it is the spirit of global togetherness that gives us hope – COVID-19 will be defeated once all people, in all countries, are protected – through our joint actions - from the novel coronavirus.