

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Strength During the COVID19 Crisis

*O God,*

*We gather together separated by life-saving distancing, but united more than ever in spirit;*

*We know we are in a war against COVID-19 together, and the more together we are, the better and stronger we will emerge:*

*We know the challenges are enormous, yet so are the opportunities;*

*That whether we are in isolation with loved ones, or alone, we will have abundance of time;*

*We commit to using that time to help those in greater need in whatever way we can;*

*We know we all have the opportunity, and time, to be life savers and life enhancers;*

*We give thanks for those who are on the front line taking care of those who are not well;*

*We give thanks for the researchers who are working at breakneck speed to find cure and vaccine;*

*We give thanks for the providers of our daily needs who go to work in spite of the risk;*

*We give thanks for those who have ramped up their ability to produce life-saving supplies.*

*We pray for the well-being of all our life savers; For those who are not well, that they recover fully;*

*For those enduring difficulty, that they may overcome their challenges.*

*We pray that a cure and vaccine will soon be available,*

*And that we all – family, friends, and the entire world may be healed in body and spirit.*

*We ask you, O God, to bless our leaders, our front line care givers, our life savers and life enhancers.*

*We ask you, O God, to bless our nation, to bless the world, to bless everyone.*

*Amen.*

Adapted from a jointly developed by Archbishop Terrance Prendergast and Rabbi Reuven Bulka, two religious' leaders from Ottawa, Canada. <https://www.dpcdsb.org/news/news-archives/prayer-of-thanksgiving-and-strength-during-the-covid19-crisis>