# **A Litany for the Coronavirus** **Composed on 6th March 2020 by**: [**ANNE AND JEFFERY ROWTHORN**](https://collegevilleinstitute.org/author/rowthorns/)

**Out of the Depths We Cry Out to You in the Face of the Coronavirus**

**Creator God of the universe,** God of a thousand names and faces, divine source of health and wholeness, whose compassion embraces the entire community of Earth: behold your fearful people all over the world as we confront the coronavirus. Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Holy God, hear our voices. Let your ear be attentive to our cries (Psalm 130:1-2, adapted) as we pray for all who may be affected by the virus:

**For all health caregivers** – nurses, physicians, aides, EMTs, paramedics, technicians and therapists; out of the depths, O God– **We cry out to you. Protect them.**

**For hospital and nursing home medical staff,** assistants, and housekeepers who have close contact with patients and for the patients themselves; out of the depths, O God– **We cry out to you. Protect them.**

**For all who travel for their daily work** over land and sea and through the air—flight attendants, pilots, ship captains and sailors, bus drivers, passengers and long distance truck drivers; out of the depths, O God–   
**We cry out to you. Protect them.**

**For all who handle money**—bankers, supermarket, village market and convenience store cashiers; out of the depths, O God– **We cry out to you. Protect them.**

**For all who pump gas and serve customers** at Interstate rest areas; out of the depths, O God– **We cry out to you. Protect them.**

**For restaurant workers**—bartenders, coffee shop baristas, cooks, servers, chefs, and dishwashers; out of the depths, O God– **We cry out to you. Protect them**.

**For hospitality workers**–hotel and motel receptionists, servers and housekeepers; out of the depths, O God– **We cry out to you. Protect them**.

**For daycare center staff** who cuddle and comfort children and for all children; out of the depths, O God– **We cry out to you. Protect them.**

**For teachers and professors**, coaches and cafeteria workers at schools and universities across the world and students everywhere; out of the depths, O God– **We cry out to you. Protect them.**

**For the homeless huddling for warmth** over steam grates and under urban bridges; out of the depths, O God– **We cry to you. Protect them.**

**For the poor, the lonely, the vulnerable, migrants,** and the isolated elderly who have no protectors; out of the depths, O God– **We cry out to you. Protect them.**

**For clergy and people who eat the bread of life,** drink from the common cup and pass the sign of peace; out of the depths– **We cry out to you. Protect them.**

**For all who have tested positive,** all who are waiting for test results, and all who are quarantined; out of the depths— **We cry out to you. Protect them.**

**For all who have already died of the coronavirus**, now free from pain and suffering. May the God of hope carry them all the way home, and comfort their families and friends; out of the depths— **We cry out to you. Protect them.**

**Loving God,** hasten the day when the virus will have run its course; quicken scientists to develop medications and vaccines; call out the best instincts of your people—love, neighborliness, compassion, and a sense of caring for every member of your beloved community on Earth. We pray out of the depths to you, O God of hope, whom we call Jesus, Allah, YHWH, Divine Mystery, Wakan Tanka, Great Spirit.

**Amen.**