

## **A Prayer for Health Care Workers in a Time of Epidemic**

Oh mysterious One who created within our bodies the power to heal,  
We honor today the ones in our community who are trained to focus this healing,  
Those nurses, doctors and researchers who carry the words and wisdom to keep us  
alive

Oh Holy One who called some to be healers as medical professionals,  
We pray over them Your gifts of protection, wisdom and resilience of spirit.  
Above all, give them each now a deep sense of hope,  
To hold their service, risk, and work at this challenging time in human history.  
You have called them and empowered their training,  
For such a time as this

May they feel each hour the deep gratitude of our community.  
And, as they look to return to work the next day,  
May they hear in their hearts a great chorus of "Thank You"  
Ringing out from the community to balance the natural fear within.  
We pray for ourselves and our communities that our will to listen to them  
Be as great as our honor for them.  
Oh Holy One, save us all from weak resignation to the challenges before us.

Amen

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