

A prayer resource from the  
Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

*Elizabeth Joy, a trustee of Churches Together in England, shares this prayer acronym which she wrote for her local parish of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (Indian Orthodox Church) – one of CTE’s 50 Member Churches.*

- \*P\*** - for all **\*Patients\*** in ICUs.
- \*R\*** - for those who are **\*Recovering\***.
- \*A\*** - for all those who are **\*Attending\*** to those infected and affected by COVID-19.
- \*Y\*** - for the **\*Yoke\*** of the COVID-19 to be removed .
- \*E\*** - for all those who need the **\*Emotional support\***, especially the ELDERLY, to tide over during this difficult time, for those facing disruption to their businesses.
- \*R\*** - for all those who have **\*Racist thoughts\*** against others, that they may change their racist attitudes.
  
- \*R\*** - for all those involved in the **\*Research\*** to overcome COVID-19.
- \*E\*** - for all those who **\*Enable others \*** by being volunteers at all levels.
- \*Q\*** - for **\*Quietness\*** in our hearts and minds by trusting in the strength of our Lord.
- \*U\*** - for **\*Unity\*** among people from all sectors to stand together at this time.
- \*E\*** - for **\*Essential aids\*** to face challenges, particularly in poorer countries.
- \*S\*** - for **\*Spiritual nurture and growth\*** in the face of any untoward events.
- \*T\*** - **\*Transformation\*** of communities through coming together for the wellbeing and wholeness of all, overcoming our greediness at this time (whilst also being prudent).

*Dear Friends*

*Whether you're a strong Christian or not  
Whether you've been to Church or not  
Whether you are very healthy or not  
Whether you believe this or not  
God's grace is still at work*

*Whether you get the COVID 19 or not  
Whether you recover or not  
Whether you are worried about it or not  
Whether you expect it or not  
God's concern is still at work*

*Wuhan has seen the Sunshine now  
We rejoice with them for God's love  
We pray that God's love be seen  
From the lowliest to the Queen  
God's love is still at work*

*Speechless though we be right now  
Let us in God's presence humbly bow  
Submit ourselves and our nations  
Come together with no factions  
God's power is still at work*

*Even if agony and pain is our lot  
Even if the virus is active in our slot  
We can in our helpless times still pray  
That God be our shepherd and the way  
God's strength is still at work*

*In the midst of COVID-19, God says:  
'Fear not, for I am with you always'  
Amidst wild fires, floods, this virus  
God calls, 'make the world a better place'  
God's mercy is still at work*

*It is dreadful indeed as fear escalates  
Even if our irresponsibility is the cause  
When death stares at us and waits  
Let us be sure, 'death is just a pause'  
God's salvation is a complete success.*

*So here is a PRAYER REQUEST, join in  
You can change it, add on and begin  
Even as you 'catch it, bin it and kill it'  
You can still keep praying... a tiny bit  
God's love is ever at work.*