

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.*