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**CALL TO PRAYER AT 3PM EDT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 31
FOR CANADA AND CANADIANS IN THE TIME OF COVID-19**

Many people are feeling the need of spiritual support in the trying circumstances of the isolation, fear and concerns of Canadians facing health, emotional and economic consequences from the arrival in our country of the novel Corona Virus.

Religious leaders across Canada are invited to join in prayer for those suffering from COVID-19 as well as for health care workers and those working to find a cure for the Corona Virus.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka and Archbishop Terrence Prendergast collaborated on preparing a prayer that could be recited in common by groups or individually across the country.

The time they propose for recitation of the prayer is Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 3PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time and at the corresponding time in the various time zones from Newfoundland and Labrador to British Columbia, from coast to coast to coast.

The rabbi and the archbishop are approaching all Canadian and all religious leaders to invite their participation. The prayer—available in English and French—is attached.

You may contact Rabbi Reuven Bulka at 613-227-1872 and rabbibulka@cmhottawa.com. You may contact Archbishop Terrence Prendergast through Robert Du Broy at the coordinates below.

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