



*G-d of wisdom,  
 Bless medical scientists and researchers around the world  
 With insight and skill, dedication and fortitude,  
 As they combat coronavirus,  
 So that their work yields knowledge and understanding,  
 Speedily finding a vaccine, treatments and deterrents to its spread.*

Source of life,  
 Grant public health and government officials  
 The strength to act swiftly and decisively,  
 With compassion and understanding,  
 In service to humankind,  
 Fighting this outbreak  
 And the other diseases that still plague the planet,  
 Diseases threatening the lives of our brothers and sisters,  
 Nations and communities,  
 Young and old.  
 Rock of Ages,  
 Bring an end to disease and suffering,  
 So that all may know  
 Your compassion and Your grace.  
**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', רוֹפֵא כָּל בָּשָׂר, וּמַפְלִיא לַעֲשׂוֹת:**  
 Praised are You G-d, healer of flesh, maker of wonders.

Alden Solovy

We are here to make a difference, to mend the fractures of the world, a day at a time, an act at a time, for as long as it takes to make it a place of justice and compassion, where the lonely are not alone, the poor are not without help; where the cry of the vulnerable is heeded and those who are wronged are heard.

There is no life without a task; no person without a talent; no place without a fragment of God's light, waiting to be redeemed and discovered... It may take a lifetime to learn how to find these things, but once we learn, we realize in retrospect that all it took was the ability to listen. When God calls, he does not do so by way of universal imperatives. Instead, he whispers our name – and the greatest reply, the reply of Abraham is simply *hineni*, 'Here I am', ready to heed your call, to mend a fragment of your all-too-broken world.