## A Prayer for Essential Workers

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May the One who blessed our ancestors Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekkah, Jacob, Rachel and Leah, bless and protect all those who work on our behalf,

The healthcare workers who bring healing and compassion to the ill,

The first responders who run towards danger to keep others safe,

The farmers and farm workers who produce and harvest our food,

The food service workers who prepare our food and keep our grocery stores stocked,

The people who deliver our mail and packages,

The transit workers who keep public transportation running,

The people who teach our children from a distance,

The social workers and therapists providing mental health services,

The funeral directors and clergy working around the clock to bury the dead with dignity,

The chaplains providing spiritual care at end of life,

All those who risk their health and safety to provide essential services,

May they and their families be safe,

May we never again take their work for granted.

May we all join together to repair our broken world.