



A Prayer for January 19, 2021

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Gracious God, we come before you this day with a humble heart. As 2021 has begun, many are carrying the burdens of 2020 with us. The burden is heavy, God. Family members, friends, colleagues, dear loved ones, who have suffered with COVID. We have experienced illness, death, uncertainty, and yes, even hope. Hope for a new tomorrow. Hope for a cure. Hope for a vaccine. Hope for a sense of peace in the midst of everything COVID has threatened.

Thank you for your healing hand and guidance in the development of a vaccine that may help restore health. Please provide the wisdom to our leaders in the distribution and administration of that vaccine.

Thank you that we can bow before you today and recognize your goodness, your mercy, your love, your presence with us in the uncertain times. Thank you for the blessing of a New Year and new hope. Thank you that we can trust in you to guide our steps. To inform our interactions. To hold us in the palm of your hand.

We ask a blessing on our health care institutions and all those who work within them. Bless our communities and all those who care for the residents. Give wisdom to the administrators. Resilience to the staff. Oh, God. It is a humble privilege to come to you today and every day. Hear our prayers. Heal our hearts. Restore our land. That we might continue to praise your name and give you all the glory.

Amen.