

**Mātuanui Prayer: God is Love in a time of Coronavirus.**

Mātuanui, Ultimate Parent,  
Our God who comforts us as both mother and  
father, draw near to your children because  
heaven and earth are both your home.

You care about us, and we say your name is  
blessed, even in times like this, of fear and  
hardship. We revel in joy, not knowing what  
tomorrow brings. We choose to be known for our  
love and confidence in El Roi,  
the One Who Sees Us.

Your view of a restored humanity come - in the  
unrest and worry, let us not hurry but slow.  
We choose to sink into the feeling and knowledge  
that you are in control, God, both against and with  
all reason and logic. You are King of Kings,  
in heaven and earth, where you reside.

Give us all we need, yes, and teach us to release it  
to others without fear or prejudice. Help us to see  
our resources as manna provided from heaven,  
and that you will show us even more providence  
then this, if only we can open our hands and trust  
you. Bread, basics, water, comfort, rest. Restore  
unto us the joy of knowing you are El Shaddai,  
the Nourishing One and the One Who Provides.

Let us hear your voice, the one that leads us away  
from the temptation to hoard, harass, worry,  
blame or curse others in our unbelief. Instead,  
we choose to know you are Alpha and Omega,  
the first word, and the last one. Help us to use our  
words carefully, and to bring healing, knowing  
you are our Great Physician.

Deliver us in this, a time of trial. Let us use our  
time wisely, generously and fruitfully.  
Deliver the lonely to comfort. Deliver us from  
the evil of selfishness. Let us pour out our lives  
in the pursuit of loving others, knowing you are  
Immanuel, God with Us, even when we cannot  
embrace one another. Open borders, pathways  
and hearts to others, and you.

For everything is yours, and we are yours.  
The power is yours, and our weakness is  
where your power can be even more  
beautifully manifested.

And we give glory to you,  
our Mātuanui,  
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