

## UPF France's pamphlet: An Interreligious Initiative Facing the Pandemic

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Dear friends,

In March, while many nations have entered general confinement, we launched the "Interreligious Minute" to quickly halt the coronavirus pandemic.

The French Prime Minister having recently declared: "The first 15 days of April will be more difficult than those which have just passed; we are doubling the number of positive cases every 3 or 4 days", we suggest that we continue and intensify this initiative together in April.

We receive with great interest invitations from different religions to pray for the present situation. Our interreligious initiative is also inspired by the historic [Movement of the Minute of Silence](#) started in Great Britain in 1940.

Therefore, we propose you to offer, in unity of heart with friends of all religions, at least one minute of prayer or meditation (each according to their tradition) at 9 p.m. each day so that the pandemic can be quickly overcome.

(If unavailable at that time, please participate in the schedule that suits you. It's always 9 p.m. somewhere in the world!)

**Do not hesitate to widely share this initiative.**

You can follow the statistics live by [clicking here](#).

**As intentions, we propose:**

Wednesday 1st For all those who are sick all over the world

Thursday 2 For all those who died

Friday 3 To comfort the families of those who are sick or deceased

Saturday 4 For the three billions of people who are confined all over the world

Sunday 5 For all couples who have communication difficulties, between them or with their children, because of confinement

Monday 6 For the leaders of all nations can take courageously the best decisions that need to be made (even if it's against their own profit)

Tuesday 7 So that scientific research can quickly provide effective solutions and viable for all, especially in the poorest countries (in Africa...)

Wednesday 8 For Jews around the world celebrating Passover 5780 on the evening of April 8 at the evening of Thursday April 16

Thursday 9 For the protection of members of our families

Friday 10 For all those who are sick all over the world

Saturday 11 For the protection of doctors, nurses and all health professionals

Sunday 12 For Christians around the world who celebrate Easter

Monday 13 So that the percentage of healings can further increase

Tuesday 14 For the protection of our neighbors and our friends

Wednesday 15 For our God to put His protective hand on Africa and on the poorest countries

Thursday 16 For all the men and women who continue to work = cashiers, truckers, deliverers, letter carriers, garbage collectors, farmers and breeders, police, firefighters, teachers, banks,

water-electricity-gas-telephone-internet providers, etc.

Friday 17 For those who are victims of the harmful effects of containment, with the increase depression and anxiety, alcohol consumption, various addictions, domestic violence

Saturday 18 For all those who have lost their jobs and are unemployed; for a quick and concrete help to companies that face great economic difficulties

Sunday 19 For spiritual leaders

Monday 20 For isolated people; especially for prisoners who are denied visits of their families

Tuesday 21 For the protection of the most vulnerable and the smallest (the elderly or those already sick)

Wednesday 22 For those who are too stressed or panicked by this situation quickly regain confidence and faith

Thursday 23 For the homeless and those in war

Friday 24 For Muslims around the world who start the month of Ramadan 1441, from the evening of April 24 to the evening of May 24

Saturday 25 For all those who are sick all over the world

Sunday 26 For all those who died

Monday 27th To comfort the families of those who are sick or deceased

Tuesday 28 For a rapid economic recovery at the end of this crisis

Wednesday 29 So that these tribulations allow a spiritual renewal at all levels (personal, family, national and global)

Thursday 30 For all those who offered this "Interfaith Minute" with us.

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