I shared my prayer material (Protestant Christianity), which was delivered at the "Joint Prayer for Humanity", Thursday, May 14th, 2020 at 9-11 am, initiated by UIN Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta.

The time given was 5 minutes. Those involved from Indonesia: Baha'i, Catholics, Protestants, Buddhists, Hindus, Confucians, and Islam. Then from Morocco, Turkey, Egypt, Cairo, Bangkok, Pakistan (all specifically Islam). Languages: Indonesian, English, Arabic, Sanskrit and Pali.

Hopefully, more and more people will spread the "spirit of peace" togetherness for our better common future.

Please read!

A PRAY FOR HUMANITY IN THE LIVING AS ONE SOCIETY, NATION, AND STATE IN THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA<sup>1</sup>

DEAR LORD, THE ALMIGHTY GOD, WE ARE GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL, THAT THE EARTH, NATURE, AND ALL THE CREATIONS ON IT IS STILL IN EXISTANCE, LIVING, AND BREEDING, DESPITE OF KNOWING THAT MORE IS DAMAGED AND EXTINCT, CAUSED BY WHAT HAS BEEN DONE BY US, HUMAN.

WE ARE GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL,

THAT WE AS HUMAN BEING ARE STILL BEING TRUSTED TO MANAGE PROPERLY AND RESPONSIBLY THE EARTH, THE NATURE, AND ALL THE CREATIONS ON IT. REGARDLESS WE ARE ALSO CONCIOUSLY AWARE THAT THE EARTH AND NATURE COULD NOT BE MAINTAINED PROPERLY AND HAS BECOME THE VICTIM OF OUR GREEDINESS. THERE IS POLLUTION EVERYWHERE, WHICH COULD NOT PRODUCE ENOUGH OXYGEN, TO KEEP US LIVING HEALTHY, PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, AND SPIRITUALLY.

WE ARE GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL,

THAT AS A SOCIETY, CITIZEN AND NATION OF INDONESIA AND THE COUNTRY OF REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, WE ARE STILL GIVEN THE TRUST TO BE A PLURALISTIC CITIZEN, NATION, AND COUNTRY; AND WITH ALL THE OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES, WE HOLD ON TO IT AS A BLESSING BY ALMIGHTY GOD FOR THIS NATION AND STATE.

WE ARE GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL,

DURING THE "COVID-19" PANDEMIC, WE ARE GIVEN THE CAPABILITY OF PATIENCE TO FACE IT, THE WISDOM TO CONQURE IT, AND HOPE TO BE OPTIMISTIC, THAT WE CAN PASS THIS PROPERLY, HEALTHY, AND LEARN A LOT FROM THE EXPERIENCE DURING THIS "PANDEMIC."

WE ARE GRATEFUL, THAT WE CAN STRUGGLE TO BUILD THE SOLIDARITY OF ONE WITH OTHERS, SUPPORTING ONE WITH EACH OTHER.

DEAR LORD, THE ALMIGHTY GOD,

MAY THE EXPERIENCE DURING THIS "PANDEMIC," WE BECOME MORE OPEN, AND SINCERE, TO WILLINGLY LEARN FROM OTHERS WHO ARE DIFFERENT. MAY WE LEARN FROM THE KIDS,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Virtually" elaborated during the program of COMMON PRAYER for Humanity, Thursday, May 14 2020

YOUTHS, ADULTS, FROM THE NEIGHBOURS, FROM THE SOCIETY AROUND, AND ALSO FROM OTHER NATIONS. MAY WE ALSO LEARN FROM THE MOTHER NATURE.

MAY THE EXPERIENCE DURING THIS "PANDEMIC" GRANT US THE ABILITY TO DO AND ACT HONESTLY, OPENLY, AND SICERELY, FOR THE JUSTICE AND TRUTH, ESPECIALLY TOWARDS THOSE WHO BECOME THE VICTIMS OF UNTRUTHFUL, DISHONESTY, INJUSTICE, IN ANY FORMS, FOR ANY REASON AND BY ANY PERSON, INCLUDING TOWARDS THE MOTHER NATURE.

MAY WE ALL AND THE GOVERNMENT HAVE THE WISDOM AND HEALTH, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. GRANT US THE ABILITY TO KEEP BEING OPTIMISTIC AND TO HAVE FAITH THAT GOOD AND BETTER THINGS WILL HAPPEN INSIDE AND THROUGH THIS NATION, THE NATION OF INDONESIA.

#### TEACH US ALL, DEAR LORD,

SO WE CAN APPRECIATE THE MOTHER NATURE, APPRECIATE OUR ENVIRONMENT BY MAINTAINING THE CLEANLINESS IN OUR HOME, OUR WORKING PLACE, OUR HOMETOWN, OUR VILLAGE, OUR CITY, WHEREVER WE ARE.

### TEACH US ALL, DEAR LORD

NOT TO BE GREEDY AND SELFISH AGAINST NATURE, AGAINST FORESTS, AND AGAINST OUR FELLOWMEN, AND ALSO NOT TO SACRIFICE THE LIVES OF MANY, AND OF OTHER LIVING BEINGS.

#### TEACH US ALL, DEAR LORD,

SO WE CAN APPRECIATE AND BE COMPASSIONATE WITH OUR FELLOWS, WHOEVER THEY ARE, DESPITE OF RELIGIOUS AND FAITH DIFFERENCES, THOUGHTS, ETHNICS, CULTURES, GENDERS, AGES, GENERATIONS, AND SOCIAL STATUS.

WE HOPE ALL THESE POSITIVE LESSONS COULD BE PERFORMED AND DEVELOPED IN THE FUTURE, FOR THE HUMANITY AND PEACE AMONG US, THE HUMAN BEING, THROUGH OUT IN INDONESIA AND THE WORLD.

DEAR LORD, THE ALMIGHTY GOD

WHO ARE WE THAT YOU KEEP ON REGARDING US?

WHO ARE WE THAT YOU KEEP ON TRUSTING US TO LEARN, DO POSITIVE AND GOOD CHANGE TO PERFORM GOOD THINGS TOWARD OUR FELLOWS, APPRECIATE OUR FELLOWS, HELPING OUR FELLOWS, WITHOUT DIFFERENTIATING BASED ON ANY REGARDS. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT WE ARE ALL THE SAME IN FRONT OF YOU.

THANK YOU LORD FOR ALL YOUR KINDNESS TO US, TO THIS NATION. PLEASE HEAR OUR PRAYERS. IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SOURCE OF OUR LIFE AND OUR HOPE. AMEN.

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