In the name of God the beneficent the Merciful

We are very grateful to the Catholic University Parliamentary Interfaith Event organisers for bringing us all together to offer these important prayers and allow us this opportunity to collectively offer solace to our fellow Australians.

On behalf of my Muslim congregation from all over Australia and abroad, I bring you these prayers from the depth of my heart.

"O my Lord! I pray for refuge with You, in case I ask you for that about which I have no knowledge. And until You forgive me and have Mercy on me, I will truly be lost!" "There is no God except You: Glory to you: to you, I confess my wrong. "O my Lord! Do not leave me to struggle alone, You are the best of those who give support".

"Our Lord! We have wronged our own souls: forgive us and grant Your Mercy so that we are not lost." "Our Lord! Accept (this service) from us for You are the All-Hearing the All – Knowing" 5.

"Our Lord, You are the One Who (always) watches over us"⁶. "O Allah, our Lord! Fill our table with food and make our food a plentiful feast for the first and the last of us and a Sign from You; And provide for us the means to live, for You are the best Provider"⁷.

"O Allah, remove from us the pandemic and the affliction and the debilitating illnesses."8

Our Lord, this pandemic has hampered our lives for two years and you know best our condition, it has affected the livelihood of billions of Your creation, it has affected the mental health of Your congregation; our Lord, bring down Your mercy upon us and revive and heal us through Your Grace just like You bring life back to earth with Your plentiful rain.

Our Lord, bring the human family closer together, so that we may learn to love, respect and honour one another, help us find peace, tranquillity and healing so that we may be devoted to you now and forever Amen.

The Most Eminent Imam Abdul Quddoos Al Azhari National Grand Mufti of Australia

¹ Prayer of Nur (Noah) (Al Quran 11:47)

² Prayer of Yunus (Jonah) (Al Quran 21: 87)

³ Prayer of Zakariyya (Zakariah) (Al Quran 21:89)

⁴ Prayer of Adam and Eve. (Al Quran 7: 23)

⁵ Prayer of Ibrahim and Ismael (Abraham and Ismail) (Al Quran 2:127)

⁶ Prayer of Musa (Moses) (Al Quran 20: 35)

⁷ Isa (Christ, the son of Maryam (Mary) (Al Quran 5:14)

⁸ Authentic Hadith