NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL 2020 Nutrition Month Prayer

Almighty God, we humbly come before Your throne of grace today. We thank You for the gift of life, and we stand in awe while witnessing how You are working in our lives and in our nation amid the challenges that we face. Thank you for the chance to experience Your amazing love and grace every day of our lives.

This year, as we celebrate the 46th Nutrition Month in July with the theme "Batang Pinoy SANA TALL... Iwas Stunting SAMA ALL! Iwas ALL din sa COVID-19!", we lift up to You our country as it continues to struggle as one in every three preschool children is stunted. Because of inequities, poor maternal health and nutrition, and inappropriate childcare practices especially in the first two years of life, stunted children will suffer the consequences of poor brain and physical development leading to poor school performance and reduced resistance to disease. And as adults, they have higher chances of becoming poor due to lower incomes and productivity.

We pray that You bestow wisdom upon our leaders, policy makers, program managers and service providers so that they will recognize the importance of nutrition and enable improved access to nutrition and related services to communities and families.

We also pray for Your hedge of protection to every Filipino family particularly the most vulnerable of its members - pregnant women, infants and young children - against hunger and malnutrition. We speak of blessings, strength and guidance to parents to provide proper nutrition and care for their children to prevent stunting especially in the first 1000 days of life.

Grant us the resilience to ensure proper nutrition even during the health emergency brought upon by COVID-19. We pray for those who died as a result of the virus as we pray, too, for those whose deaths have been claimed as a result of malnutrition. Give us our daily bread and may we share this with those in need so that we may overcome all these challenges together as a nation.

These we ask in Your mighty and sovereign name. Amen.



Batang Pinoy, SANA TALL... Iwas Stunting, SAMA ALL!

