COVID-19 and faith

[STANDALONE SCREEN]
We have some questions about you and your life today. As always, there are no right or wrong answers, we’re just looking for your views and experiences.

SQ1.
Base = all
[single choice grid]

Please indicate your own personal level of satisfaction with each of the following:

[Rows -- This order]
Your own personal happiness and contentment with your life
The overall quality of life in the community where you live
The way things are going in Canada today

[Columns]
Very satisfied
Satisfied
Dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied

[STANDALONE SCREEN]
These next questions are about you and your own personal beliefs.

SQ2.
Base=All
[Single choice]

Do you believe that God or higher power exists?
Yes, I definitely do believe
Yes, I think so
No, I don't think so
No, I definitely do not believe

SQ3.
Base=All
[Single choice]
Do you believe in life after death?

Yes, I definitely do believe
Yes, I think so
No, I don't think so
No, I definitely do not believe

SQ4.
Base=All
[Single choice grid]

How often, if at all, do you:

[Rows – Randomize]
Pray to God or some higher power
Attend religious services (other than weddings or funerals)
Feel you experience God’s presence
Read the Bible, Quran, or other sacred text

[Columns]
Never
Only rarely
A few times a year
Once or twice a month
Once a week or so
A few times a week
Everyday

SQ5.
Base= ONLY ask “No, I don't think so” (3) OR “No, I definitely do not believe” (4) in SQ2
[Single choice]

You have indicated that you do not believe that God or a higher power exists – or that you don't think so. Just to confirm, how would you describe yourself when it comes to the whole area of personal faith or spirituality? Would you say:

You do not have any feelings of faith or spirituality
Have some/at some times
You do have feelings of faith or spirituality in your life

SQ6.
Base=All
Single choice
Do you ever think of yourself as part of a religious tradition? For example, do you consider yourself to be: (Please select what best applies to you.)

[This order]
Christian
Jewish
Muslim
Other non-Christian
No, none of these

SQ7.
Base= "No, none of these" (5) in SQ6
Single choice

Would you say you are:
Agnostic
Atheist
Nothing in particular
Something else

SQ8.
Base = Exclude NEVER pray in SQ4
[single choice grid]

The coronavirus outbreak in Canada and around the world has caused people to react in different ways. We’ve listed a couple of examples. For each, would you say you are personally:

[rows]
Praying
Reading a sacred text

[columns]
Doing this more than usual
Doing this about the same amount as usual
Doing this less than usual

SQ9.
Base = Exclude NEVER pray in SQ4
[single choice grid]

And regardless of how much you’ve been praying, to what extent have your prayers helped you deal with any of the following?

[rows]
Loneliness/Isolation
Fear/Anxiety
Grief/Anger
Depression/Hopelessness

[colums]
Helped a lot
Helped a little
Haven’t helped at all

SQ10.
Base = Exclude “No, none of these” (5) in SQ6 AND “NEVER pray” in SQ4:
[multi-choice, select all that apply]

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has closed most houses of worship to prayer this spring. It has meant people of all faiths have not been able to celebrate holy days in their own religions as a community.

In the last month or so, please indicate if you have done any of the actions below instead of attending a house of worship:

Followed a religious service online
Used an app for prayer, religious guidance or meditation
Spoken to a priest, cleric or other religious leader over the phone
Prayed at home on your own, just relying on scripture or holy texts
Prayed with family/other members of your faith using video chat (Skype, Zoom, etc.)
Other (specify):
None of the above [exclusive]

SQ11.
Base = Christian, jewish, OR muslim in SQ6
[single choice]

As you may know, there are several important holy days coming up for people of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths. People of these faiths will be marking Easter, Passover and Ramadan in the near future.

You have indicated you identify as part of either the Christian, Jewish or Muslim tradition.

To what extent will this upcoming holy period be more or less meaningful for you, given that your house of worship is closed?

More meaningful
The same as always
Less meaningful

SQ12.
Base = Christian, jewish, OR muslim in SQ6
[multi-choice, select all that apply]
You have indicated you identify as part of either the Christian, Jewish or Muslim tradition. People of these faiths will be marking Easter, Passover and Ramadan in the near future.

How are you planning to mark or celebrate your upcoming holy period? Please select all that apply:

Follow a religious service online
Use an app for prayer, religious guidance or meditation
Speak to a priest, cleric or other religious leader over the phone
Pray at home on your own, just relying on scripture or holy texts
Pray with family/other members of your faith using video chat (Skype, Zoom, etc.)
Other (specify):
None of the above [exclusive]

SQ13.
Base = all
[Single choice]

In the last month or so, members of churches and other religious groups have been participating in community service to help others through this time.

Some examples of this have included distributing food, dropping off groceries to the elderly, helping people with important errands or tasks they couldn’t otherwise do on their own, and checking up on those home alone to make sure they’re ok.

What best describes your own experience in the last month or so?

I or someone in my household has been helped by a faith institution
A family member or friend outside my household has been helped
Neither I nor any friends or family outside my household have had this kind of help