

A Service of Healing Prayer

The service begins with the following greeting.

Leader Grace and peace be with you, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence as we bring to mind that which we confess to God.

Leader and People together

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Leader Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

Leader Lord have mercy.
People Christ have mercy.
Leader Lord have mercy.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Leader O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Psalm *read in unison*

The Reading

Reflections on the Reading

A Litany of Healing

Leader Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People name either silently or aloud those for whom they are interceding.

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Guide all those who search for the causes of sickness and disease;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:
You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:
Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray. *A period of silence follows.*

Leader Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Leader Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us;
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Leader The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore our defense, and make us know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Leader

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

We continue in unison Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Leader May God the Father bless us, God the Son heal us, God the Holy Spirit give us strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard our bodies, save our souls, and bring us safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Our Lord Jesus healed the sick, and He commanded his followers to do likewise. In the Letter of James we read,

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

(James 5:13-16)

Healing does not necessarily mean physical cure of an illness, but it does involve entrusting one another into the care of a loving Father in the Name of Jesus Christ through the power of Holy Spirit, One God.

Additional prayers for the sick are found on pages 458-461 in The Book of Common Prayer.



A Table of Suggested Lessons and Psalms

Old Testament

Exodus 16:13-15 (Manna in the wilderness)
1 Kings 17:17-24 (Elijah restores the widow's son to life)
2 Kings 5:9-14 (Healing of Naaman)
2 Kings 20:1-5 (I have heard your prayer . . . I will heal you)
Isaiah 11:1-3a (The gifts of the Spirit)
Isaiah 42:1-7 (The suffering servant)
Isaiah 53:3-5 (With his stripes are we healed)
Isaiah 61:1-3 (Good tidings to the afflicted)

Psalms

Psalms 13 (My heart is joyful because of your saving help)
Psalm 20:1-6 (May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble)
Psalm 23 (You have anointed my head with oil)
Psalm 27 or 27:1-7,9,18 (The Lord is the strength of my life)
Psalm 91 (He will give his angels charge over you)
Psalm 103 (He forgives all your sins)
Psalm 121 (My help comes from the Lord)
Psalm 130 (My soul waits for the Lord)
Psalm 139:1-17 (Where can I go from your Spirit?)
Psalm 145:14-22 (The eyes of all wait on you, O Lord)
Psalm 146 (Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for help)

New Testament

Acts 3:1-10 (Peter and John heal the lame man)
Acts 5:12-16 (Healings in Jerusalem; Peter's shadow)
Acts 10:36-43 (Apostolic preaching: He went about . . . healing)
Acts 16:16-18 (The slave girl with the spirit of divination)
Romans 8:18-23 (We await the redemption of our bodies)
Romans 8:31-39 (Nothing can separate us from the love of God)
2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (God comforts us in affliction)
Colossians 1:11-20 (May you be strengthened with all power)
Hebrews 12:1-2 (Looking to Jesus, the perfecter of our faith)
James 5:(13)14-16 (Is anyone among you sick?)
1 John 5:13-15 (That you may know that you have eternal life)

The Gospels

Matthew 9:2-8 (Your sins are forgiven)
Matthew 26:26-30,36-39 (The Last Supper: Not as I will)
Mark 1:21-28 (Jesus heals the man with the unclean spirit)
Mark 1:29-34a (Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law and others)
Mark 5:1-20 (Healing of Gerasene demoniac)
Mark 5:22-24 (Healing of Jairus' daughter)
Mark 6:7,12-13 (They anointed with oil many that were sick)
Luke 17:11-19 (Your faith has made you well)
John 5:1b-9 (Do you want to be healed?)
John 6:47-51 (I am the bread of life)
John 9:1-11 (Healing of the man born blind)