

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

In all of life we usually cannot escape some suffering, illness or pain. We are called to share in the passion and death of Jesus and share in the burden of the Cross. We have the choice of embracing the cross or rejecting it.

Pope John Paul II asks that February 11th be dedicated to a World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Let us offer our prayer today for those who need healing in their lives and ask the good God to comfort, cure and console those who carry the heavy burden of illness of any kind.

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Leader: Let us remember that we are always in the presence of our loving God who graces us with the gift of life.

All: O God, You created us and we are Yours.
In the name of God our Father and Creator,
and of Jesus our Redeemer and Brother,
and of the Holy Spirit
Who calls us to wholeness and holiness. Amen.

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Hymn: *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.
You Who know our fears and sadness,
Grace us with Your peace and gladness.
Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts.
In the pain and joy beholding,
How Your grace is still unfolding.
Give us all Your vision: God of love.
You who know our every thought and feeling,
Teach us all Your way of healing.
Spirit of compassion: fill each heart.

Psalm 23

Shepherd me O God,

beyond my wants beyond my fears,
from death into life.

God is my Shepherd,

so there is nothing I shall want.

I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love.

I walk by quiet waters of peace.

Gently You raise me and heal my weary soul.

You lead me by ways of righteousness and truth.

My spirit shall sing the music to Your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,

I fear no evil for You are at my side,
with Your rod and staff, my comfort and my hope.

Surely Your kindness and mercy follow me

all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

Shepherd me O God,

beyond my wants beyond my fears,
from death into life.

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Isaiah 43: 1-4

Thus says the Lord:

It is I Who created you.

It is I Who formed you.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name and you are Mine.

When you pass through the waters I will be with you.

*When you walk through fire you shall not be burned
and the flames shall not consume you.*

For I am the Lord your God.

For I am the Holy One.

*You are precious in My eyes and cherished,
and I love you.*

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James 5: 13-15

Is anyone among you suffering?

He should pray.

Is anyone in good spirits?

He should sing praise.

Is anyone among you sick?

*He should summon the presbyters of the Church,
and they should pray over that person*

and anoint him with oil

in the name of the Lord,

and the prayer of faith will save the sick person

and the Lord will raise him up.

If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.

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Leader: Lord, You give us the power to be light or darkness to ourselves and one another on our journey.

All: Show us, Lord, how to transform the stumbling blocks in our lives to ladders of grace for ourselves and others.

Leader: Let us pause and in silence ask our dear Lord to heal us of whatever keeps us from being whole.

Let us pause and remember all who are ill in mind, body or soul.

Let us pause and remember our Brothers and all who are confined to health care facilities.

Let us pause and pray for all those who care for the sick asking the Lord to bless them for their solicitude.

All: Lord Jesus, Healer of our souls and bodies,
during Your life on earth You went about doing good.
You healed every manner of sickness and disease.
You strengthened, cured, comforted, forgave,
and consoled others.

You want nothing more than to see us healthy
and happy.

Lay Your healing hands upon us now,
So that we may sing Your praises forever. Amen.

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A Prayer to Jesus, Mary and Joseph for the Sick

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

health, help, and hope of the sick,

be at the bedside of all the world's sick people,

of those who are unconscious and dying;

of those who have begun their agony;

of those who have abandoned all hope of a cure;

of those who weep and cry out in pain;

of those who cannot receive care

because they have no money;

of those who ought to be resting

but are forced by poverty to work;

of those who seek vainly in their beds

for a less painful position;

of those who spend long nights sleepless;

of those who are tormented

by cares of a family in distress;

of those who must renounce

their most cherished plans for the future;

of those above all, who do not believe in a better life;

of those who rebel and curse God;

of those who do not know that Christ

suffered like them and for them.

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Hymn: Jesus, Heal Us

Jesus, heal us, Jesus.

Jesus, hear us now.

All who fear the Lord, wait for God's mercy.

All who love the Lord, come, He will fill you.

All who fear the Lord, follow the way.

All who love the Lord, hope in God's goodness.

All who fear the Lord, keep your hearts prepared.

All who love the Lord, be humbled in God's presence.

All who trust the Lord, God will uphold you.

Let us cling to our God.

Let us fall into the arms of the Lord.

David Haas, 1988, GIA Publications

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Blessing

Go in peace and faith.

If you are tired, may you find rest.

If you are anxious, may you find peace.

If you are lonely, may you find friends.

If you are troubled, may you experience God's healing.

If you are dying, may you find new life.

Always know that nothing can separate us from God's love.

May God, our Creator, bless us and nourish us.

May Christ, the Wounded Healer,

touch us and make us whole.

May the Spirit of God,

continually call us to new life

and fill us with God's life. Amen.

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Saint John Baptist de La Salle
and all you holy Brothers who have gone before us;
Help us to be quick in embracing the crosses
we are asked to bear.

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!

May all your days
be as bright
as daisies in the sun
and
may the Son of God
wipe your every tear
and calm your every
fear
and fill you
with His peace and
joy!

