

Prayers for Healing (Adapted from *Enriching our Worship*)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we commend to your loving care all who suffer, especially those who gather this day seeking your healing grace for themselves and for those they love. Give them patience and hope in their distress; strengthen and uphold them in mind and body; and grant, by your intervention, that all your people may be made whole according to your desire, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:34-38

Cris Abad

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Scripture Reading: John 16:1-4

Paula Price

"I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. ³ And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴ But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

A Litany for Healing:

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

Holy and Mighty, wellspring of abundant life,
Hear and have mercy

Holy Immortal One, protector of the faithful,
Hear and have mercy

Holy Trinity, the source of all wholeness,
Hear and have mercy

Jesus, divine physician, you sent your disciples to preach the Gospel and heal in your name,
Hear and have mercy

Grant your grace to heal those who are sick, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy

Give strength and courage to all who are affected by COVID-19, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy

Give courage and faith to all who are disabled through injury or illness, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy

Comfort, relieve, and heal all sick children, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy

Support and encourage those who live with chronic illness, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy

Strengthen those who endure continual pain, and give them hope, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy

Grant the refreshment of peaceful sleep to all who suffer, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy

Befriend all who are anxious, lonely, despondent, or afraid, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy

Give rest to the weary, and hold the dying in your loving arms, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy

Help us to live our lives and prepare for death with confident expectation and hope of Easter joy,
we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy

Give your wisdom and compassion to health care workers, that they may minister to the sick and
dying with knowledge, skill, and kindness, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy

Give the spirit courage and strength to those who are running for public office, that they may
serve the people with selfless love and commitment, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy

Uphold those who keep watch with the sick, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy

Guide those who search for the causes and cures of sickness and disease, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy

Bring healing to this weary world and draw an end to this global pandemic, we pray to you, O
God,
Hear and have mercy

Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Compassionate God: You so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, He revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fullness of your eternal life. *Amen.*

[Individual prayers for healing may be offered at this time]

Generous God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray this day and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

Benediction:

May the God of hope fill you with every joy in believing.

May the peace of Christ abound in your hearts.

May you be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen*