

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: Ephesians 6:10-20 The Whole Armor of God

Rose Royster

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak

Scripture Reading: Rom. 8:31-39 God's Love in Christ Jesus

Dr. Robert Johnson

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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*