

Prayers for Healing Wednesday Feb 16, 2022

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

Opening Prayer

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

Gracious God, we commend to your loving care all who suffer, especially those who affected by COVID-19, and those who are sick. We pray for all in our parish prayer list who are 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: Ecclesiastes 8: 1:10

Rose Royster

Who is like the wise man and who knows the interpretation of a matter? A man's wisdom illumines him and causes his stern face to beam.

² I say, "Keep the command of the king because of the oath before God. ³ Do not be in a hurry to leave him. Do not join in an evil matter, for he will do whatever he pleases." ⁴ Since the word of the king is authoritative, who will say to him, "What are you doing?"

⁵ He who keeps a *royal* command experiences no trouble, for a wise heart knows the proper time and procedure. ⁶ For there is a proper time and procedure for every delight, though a man's trouble is heavy upon him. ⁷ If no one knows what will happen, who can tell him when it will happen? ⁸ No man has authority to restrain the wind with the wind, or authority over the day of death; and there is no discharge in the time of war, and evil will not deliver those who practice it. ⁹ All this I have seen and applied my mind to every deed that has been done under the sun wherein a man has exercised authority over *another* man to his hurt.

¹⁰ So then, I have seen the wicked buried, those who used to go in and out from the holy place, and they are *soon* forgotten in the city where they did thus. This too is futility. ¹¹ Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil. ¹² Although a sinner does evil a hundred *times* and may lengthen his *life*, still I know that it will be well for those who fear God, who fear  Him openly. ¹³ But it will not be well for the evil man and he will not lengthen his days like a shadow, because he does not fear God. God's love will be perfected in us.

Reading: I Thessalonians 4:13-18 **Those Who Sleep in Christ** **Dolores Johnson**

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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

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*