

+ + + LITURGY FOR HEALING + + +

During the time of intercessory prayer in the worship service, if you wish to receive personal prayers for healing, you are encouraged to come forward to the kneeling bench when the invitation is given. You may kneel if you are able, or you may remain standing. If you wish to remain in the pew, seated or standing, you may indicate a request for personal prayer by raising your hand(s).

We welcome all to receive God's healing grace and mercy in our worshiping community.

ONE: God, our Creator, your will for us and for all your people is health and salvation:

ALL: Have mercy on us.

ONE: Jesus Christ, Son of God, you came that we might have life and have it in abundance:

ALL: Have mercy on us.

ONE: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, let us pray for all who are in need of healing of body, mind, and spirit. Hear the prayers we now offer –

(For each petition: pray silently or pray aloud as led by the Holy Spirit)

ONE: Bless, comfort, and heal those who mourn their beloved departed.

Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ONE: Bless, comfort, and heal for eternity our beloved who are near to the end of their mortal days.

Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ONE: Bless, heal, and strengthen with the assurance of hope and everlasting peace those who are physically near and spiritually close to the dying: the family, friends, hospice workers, chaplains and clergy, doctors, nurses, and physical and mental healthcare providers who offer healing mercies and supportive services.

Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ONE: Bless, heal, and strengthen all who are undergoing treatment for cancer and those who are in remission:

Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ONE: Bless, heal, and strengthen those preparing for surgery and all who are recovering from medical procedures and treatments:

Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ONE: Bless, heal, and strengthen those recovering from the coronavirus and other contagious diseases, and protect us from all infections.

Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ONE: Bless, heal, and strengthen all with chronic illnesses, prolonged pain, and conditions hidden and visible – mental, physical, and spiritual.

Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ONE: Bless, heal, and strengthen the hearts and minds of scientists, researchers, public health officials, emergency responders, those who offer medical care and other services to people in need of treatment, and all people who embody hope for improving the health and welfare of one another.

Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ONE: Bless, heal, and strengthen all victims of abuse, violence, oppression, persecution, warfare, natural and manmade disasters, and other traumas - personal and communal.

Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ONE: Bless, protect, and strengthen the peacemakers and the peacekeepers in our world: those who provide emergency care and relief services to children and families fleeing from warfare and wanton violence, and all the honorable men and women in law enforcement and in the armed services who risk their lives to protect and defend the innocent and vulnerable in our own community, state, and nation.

Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

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ONE: INVITATION TO PERSONAL AND COMMUNAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, Lord God, as we pray for each one who seeks your blessings of healing and strength.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear us as we gather our prayers in the words that Jesus taught us to pray:

ALL: 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 sins and we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.