

# Prayers for Healing

Our Book of Common Prayer provides prayers and petitions for many occasions, including those asking for healing. Some prayers are simple, and some are more elaborate. Many find the words beautiful, and perhaps these prayers will inspire you to create your own healing prayer.

*Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, that they may be delivered from their distress.*

*Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.*

*Heavenly Father, watch with us over your child \_\_\_\_, and grant that he/she may be restored to that perfect health which it is yours alone to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

*God of all comfort, our present help in trouble: Be near to \_\_\_\_ for whom our prayers are offered. Look on him/her with the eyes of your mercy; comfort him/her with a sense of your presence; preserve him/her from the enemy; and give him/her patience in his/her affliction. Restore him/her to health, and lead him/her to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

*O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant \_\_\_\_ for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon him/her with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort him/her with a sense of thy goodness; preserve him/her from the temptations of the enemy; and give him/her patience under his affliction. In thy good time, restore him/her to health, and enable him/her to lead the residue of his/her life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally he/she may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servant \_\_\_\_ the help of your power, that his/her sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

*Strengthen your servant \_\_\_\_, O God, to do what he/she has to do and bear what he/she has to bear; that, accepting your healing gifts through the skill of surgeons and nurses, he/she may be restored to usefulness in your world with a thankful heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

*Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servant \_\_\_\_, and give your power of healing to those who minister to his/her needs, that he/she may be strengthened in his/her weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

# Bible Verses for Healing

The Bible contains many references to the healing power of God. Both in the Old Testament and later, through the works of Jesus in the New Testament, these stories reassure us that God is ever-present in our lives and provides healing to those who ask.

## **Psalm 23:1-4**

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.*

## **Psalm 91:1-3, 14-16**

*You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence... Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.*

## **Isaiah 57:18**

*I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will lead them and repay them with comfort, creating for their mourners the fruit of the lips.*

## **Matthew 8:16-17**

*That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and cured all who were sick. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."*

## **2 Corinthians 1:3-5**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.*

## **James 5:13-16**

*Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.*