

## Service of Prayer for Healing

O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out

**WE PRAISE YOU**

You fashioned the earth and that lives there

**WE PRAISE YOU**

You give breath to the people upon it,

A Spirit to those who walk on it

**WE PRAISE YOU**

That the eyes of the blind be opened,

The broken hearted be healed,

The poor hear the good news, the captives be brought out of darkness

**YOUR KINGDOM COME O LORD**

**YOUR WILL BE DONE.**

So shall we sing a new song, O Lord

**AND PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER.**

**GRACIOUS GOD,**

**IN THE COMPANY OF YOUR PEOPLE,**

**WE, EACH ONE OF US, CONFESS OUR SINS TO YOU.**

We have asked for many things and then when an answer came

We have taken you for granted and forgotten to offer

Our heartfelt thanks

**GOD OF MERCY,**

**YOU HAVE PROMISED TO FORGIVE THOSE**

**WHO TRULY REPENT**

**HELP US TO ACCEPT YOUR FORGIVENESS NOW.**

We have been angry and impatient,

Complaining about the faults of others,

and failing to see our own faults.

**GOD OF MERCY,**

**YOU HAVE PROMISED TO FORGIVE THOSE**

**WHO TRULY REPENT**

**HELP US TO ACCEPT YOUR FORGIVENESS NOW.**

We have been lazy and selfish,

neglecting the interests of others,

and pursuing our own interests.

**GOD OF MERCY,  
 YOU HAVE PROMISED TO FORGIVE THOSE  
 WHO TRULY REPENT  
 HELP US TO ACCEPT YOUR FORGIVENESS NOW.**

We have been faithless and unworthy,  
 ignoring the strength, you offer  
 and relying upon our own strength.

**GOD OF MERCY,  
 YOU HAVE PROMISED TO FORGIVE THOSE  
 WHO TRULY REPENT  
 HELP US TO ACCEPT YOUR FORGIVENESS NOW.**

### **Silence**

As if it were not enough to bring sound from silence,  
 light from darkness, order from confusion.  
 as if it were not enough  
 to make the world excellent and intricate,

**YOU GAVE THE KISS OF LIFE TO THE DUST OF THE EARTH, YOU MADE  
 MALE AND FEMALE, ME, AND US SO WE BLESS YOU.**

As if it were not enough to watch the world you had created,  
 to admire your handwork from eternity.  
 as if it were not enough to care and be kind at a distance.

**YOU SENT YOUR SON TO BE FLESH OF OUR FLESH, BONE OF OUR  
 BONE,  
 TO LIVE AND WALK BESIDE ME AND US,  
 SO WE BLESS YOU**

As if it were not enough to be looked at and listened to,  
 criticized and complemented  
 feted and forsaken,

**YOU STRETCHED OUT YOUR ARM  
 AND HELD OUT YOUR HAND  
 TO HEAL AND TO HELP ME AND US  
 SO, WE BLESS YOU.**

As if it were not enough to do all this and return, triumphant, to glory,

**YOU STILL HEAR OUR CRIES  
 IN THE COURTS OF HIGH HEAVEN,  
 AND PROMISE YOUR SPIRIT  
 FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS  
 AND FOR THE HEALING OF ME AND US  
 SO, WE BLESS YOU  
 GOD OF ALL POWER  
 LORD OF OUR WEAKNESS,  
 SPIRIT OF OUR SALVATION  
 AMEN**

**Here the word of God will be read and reflected upon**

### **WE SING**

The peace of God comes close to those caught in the storm,  
 Forgoing lives of ease to ease the lives forlorn.

The peace of God is here to stay,  
 Embracing those who walk the Way,  
 The peace of God is here to stay.

The grace of God comes close to those whose grace is spent,  
 When hearts are tired and sore, and hope is bruised and bent.

The grace of God is here to stay.  
 Embracing those who walk the Way  
 The grace of God is here to stay.

### **Prayers for healing**

O Christ our Lord, long ago in Galilee  
 Many who were sick and suffering  
 Needed friends to bring them to your side.  
 Confident of your goodness,  
 We now bring to you those who need your healing touch.

**LOOK ON OUR FAITH  
 EVEN OUR LITTLE FAITH**

We name before you those **who are ill in body.**  
 whose illness is long,  
 or painful,

or difficult to cure.  
who suffer restless days  
and sleepless nights.

**Here names will be said one by one, or in groups.  
The person saying the name (s) can elaborate at will**

**After each name or group of names we shall use the response.**

Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all  
**Bring healing, bring peace.**

We name before you  
those who are **troubled in mind,**  
distressed by the past  
or dreading the future,  
those who are trapped and cast down by fear

**Here names will be said one by one, or in groups.  
The person saying the name(s) can elaborate at will**

**After each name or group of names we shall use the response:**

Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all  
**Bring healing, bring peace.**

We name before you  
those **for whom light has turned to darkness,**  
by the death of a loved one,  
the breaking of a friendship,  
the loss of gainful employment,  
the fading of hope

**Here names will be said one by one, or in groups.  
The person saying the name(s) can elaborate at will**

**After each name or group of names we shall use the response:**

Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all  
**Bring healing, bring peace.**

In silence we name before you those  
whose troubles we do not know  
whose names we would not say aloud

**Silence**

Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all  
**Bring healing, bring peace.**

Lord God,  
you alone are skilled to know the cure  
for every sickness and every soul.  
if by our lives, your grace may be known  
then in us, through us, and, if need be, despite us

**LET YOUR KINGDOM COME,  
AND YOUR WILL BE DONE**

We ask your blessing on doctors and nurses,  
on all who look after those who are ill,  
who give friendship to those who are distressed,  
or sit with those who are near to death.

**LET YOUR KINGDOM COME,  
AND YOUR WILL BE DONE**

We ask your guidance  
for those who are engaged in medical research,  
that they may persevere with vision and energy.  
and for those who administer the agencies of health and welfare,  
and for politicians who make decisions that affect  
the health and welfare of all of us  
that they may have wisdom and compassion

**LET YOUR KINGDOM COME,  
AND YOUR WILL BE DONE**

Loving God, the care of every soul is in your hands,  
the cure of every sickness comes from you.  
WE do not know your will for us.

if by our lives your grace may be made known,  
then in us, through us, and if need be, in spite of us,

**LET YOUR KINGDOM COME,  
AND YOUR WILL BE DONE**

**If the laying on of hands is requested it would take place now, using  
the words:**

May the spirit of the Living God, Present with us now, heal you of all that harms you, in  
body, mind, or spirit.

**IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. AMEN**

## **CLOSING UNISON PRAYER**

Watch now dear Lord,  
With those who wake, or watch or weep tonight,  
And give your angels charge over those who sleep.  
Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.  
Rest your weary ones,  
Bless your dying ones,  
Soothe your suffering ones,  
Pity your afflicted ones,  
Shield your joyous ones; And all for your name's sake.

## **SUNG BENEDICTION**

May the Lord, gracious God,  
Bless and keep us forever  
Grant us peace, perfect peace  
Courage in every endeavour.  
Lift our eyes and see his face  
And his grace forever.  
May the Lord, gracious God  
Bless and keep us forever.