



Sample Prayer Service for Healing

Opening Song: Here I am, Lord

Opening Prayer:

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you. **R.** And with your spirit.

No one is far from you, O God. We come together in joy – mindful of the burdens we carry, the hurts and sorrows we have. We come together in gladness – never forgetting God’s love. We come together with praise – for each other and those who assist us on this journey.

No one is far from you O God and we call upon your power in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 142 **R:** You, O Lord are my refuge

With full voice I cry to the LORD; with full voice I beseech the LORD.

Before God I pour out my complaint, lay bare my distress.

My spirit is faint within me, but you know my path.

R: You, O Lord are my refuge

Along the way I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

I look to my right hand, but no friend is there.

There is no escape for me; no one cares for me.

R: You, O Lord are my refuge

I cry out to you, LORD, I say, You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

Listen to my cry for help, for I am brought very low.

Rescue me from my pursuers, for they are too strong for me. **R:** You, O Lord are my refuge

Lead me out of my prison, that I may give thanks to your name.

Then the just shall gather around me because you have been good to me.

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Other suggested readings:

Isaiah 59:6b-8, 15-18 - *The Lord is appalled by evil and injustice.*

Job 3:1-26 - *Lamentation of Job.*

Lamentations 3:1-24 - *I am one who knows affliction.*

Lamentations 3:49-59 - *When I called, you came to my aid.*

Micah 4:1-4 - *Every person shall sit undisturbed.*

The Gospel reading:

Matthew: 10:28-33 - *Do Not Fear*

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.

Other suggested readings

Matthew 5:1-10 - *The beatitudes.*

Matthew 5:43-48 - *Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you.*

Luke 10:25-37 - *The good Samaritan*

Homily helps:

God is with us, he will not abandon us Act 2:24-28

God is Love, God is not hate. (God is there to help us not stop us)

Faith and Hope (1 Peter 1:3-9)

Intercessions:

Response: Christ graciously hear us.

For community and political leaders to model justice and right living; Christ hear us. **R. Christ graciously hear us.**

For priests to truly mirror Christ's goodness and love; Christ hear us. **R. Christ graciously hear us.**

For families to nourish and foster their children; Christ hear us. **R. Christ graciously hear us.**

For teachers to respect and call forth the goodness and wholeness in children; Christ hear us. **R.**

For all adults to enrich the lives of children; Christ hear us. **R. Christ graciously hear us.**

For all who support and contribute to our ministry; Christ hear us. **R. Christ graciously hear us.**

For all the needs of the world; Christ hear us. **R. Christ graciously hear us.**

Litany for Healing:

(During the Litany candles can be lit)

Our response will be Save, heal and protect them, O Lord!

For children wounded and tearful; **save, heal and protect them, O Lord!**

For children confused or alone; **save, heal and protect them, O Lord!**

For children afraid or abandoned; **save, heal and protect them, O Lord!**

For children beaten; **save, heal and protect them, O Lord!**

For children who sleep in fear; **save, heal and protect them, O Lord!**

For children afraid to go home; **save, heal and protect them, O Lord!**

For children afraid of their abusers; **save, heal and protect them, O Lord!**
For children assaulted and for children who assault; **save, heal and protect them, O Lord!**
For children whose innocence has been stolen; **save, heal and protect them, O Lord!**
For those who cannot trust; **save, heal and protect them, O Lord!**
For those who cannot love; **save, heal and protect them, O Lord!**
For those whose hearts are filled with fear; **save, heal and protect them, O Lord!**

After the intercessions and litany the minister, in the following or similar words, invites all present to sing or say the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord heals our wounds and strengthens us in our weakness; let us pray as Christ has taught us:

All: Our Father...

Blessing and Dismissal:

Lord God,
your own Son was delivered into the hands of the wicked,
yet he prayed for his persecutors and overcame hatred with his Blood on the cross.
Relieve the suffering of those present today (or name);
grant them (him/her) peace of mind
and a renewed faith in your protection and care.
Protect us all from the violence of others,
keep us safe from the weapons of hate,
and restore to us tranquility and peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

May God bless us with his mercy, strengthen us with his love, and enable us to walk in charity and peace. R. Amen.

Song: Be not Afraid, or Prayer of St. Francis