

World Day of the Sick

A Service of Prayer



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LITURGY

OPENING RITE

Gathering Song —

Welcome —

Opening Prayer —

Creator God
you who invite us into relationships,
you who call each of us by name,
you who have formed us and who know
every fibre of our being,
you who know our every need and desire,
you who promise to be with us always —
May your healing presence
embrace all of our brothers and sisters
who seek wellness and wholeness and life.
AMEN

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Romans 5: 3-6

But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our suffering. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

LAYING ON OF HANDS

All those who seek healing of body and spirit are asked to come forward to receive the laying on of hands. (Create as many stations as space permits and the numbers warrant.) Two hands are placed on the sick person's head or shoulders. The following prayer is recited as each person presents themselves.

May the God of healing walk with you, console you and bring you peace.

Prayer of the Faithful —

Leader: For those who are sick and those who care for them, we pray to the Lord....

All: with confidence and hope

Leader: For those who research the causes of illness and work for more humane treatment, we pray to the Lord....

All: with confidence and hope

Leader: For those who provide comfort, support and compassion, we pray to the Lord....

All: with confidence and hope

Leader: That we may come to see the value of spiritual and religious care throughout the health care system, we pray to the Lord....

All: with confidence and hope

Leader: That each person in Canada will have access to compassionate and just health care, especially those who are in most need,

we pray to the Lord....

All: with confidence and hope

An opportunity is given for those present to share their own petitions.

Leader: With you by our side Lord, we receive new courage and strength. Fill our hearts with the sure knowledge of your grace. AMEN

Blessing of the Caregivers —

All those who care for the sick (health care professionals, family members, volunteers) are asked to stand. Those assembled stretch out a hand and say.

We are grateful for these caregivers who serve us in our need. May God provide you with the skill you need, the wisdom to make good decisions, and the compassion necessary to treat each person with patience, dignity and respect. Amen

Concluding Prayer —

Gracious God, Help those here present to face and overcome their fears. Be with them when they are alone or rejected. Comfort them when they are discouraged. And touch them with your healing Spirit. AMEN

