

All: Touch us with your healing power!

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

Leader: Healer God, help us to be confident that you walk with us, and that you are attentive to our every need and concern. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN

Blessing of the Caregivers —

All those who care for the sick (health care professionals, family members, volunteers) are asked to stand.

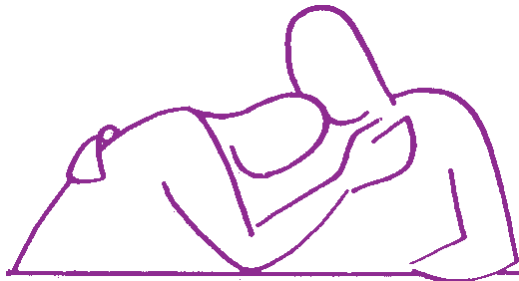
Those assembled stretch out a hand and say.

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

The Lord's Prayer —

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



World Day of the Sick

A Service of Prayer



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LITURGY

OPENING RITE

Gathering Song —

Welcome —

Opening Prayer —

Healer God —

touch our body and renew our spirit
where we need it most.

Soothe our minds; relieve our anxieties;
lift up our hearts and strengthen our courage.

Guide all those who provide care and comfort,
and support our loved ones.

May your healing presence
embrace all of our brothers and sisters
who seek wellness, wholeness and life.

AMEN

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Matthew 14:34-36

Having made the crossing, they came to
Genneserat. When the local people recognized
Jesus, they spread the news through the whole
neighbourhood and took all that were sick to him,
begging him just to let them touch the fringe
of his cloak. And all those who touched it were
completely cured.

The Gospel of the Lord.

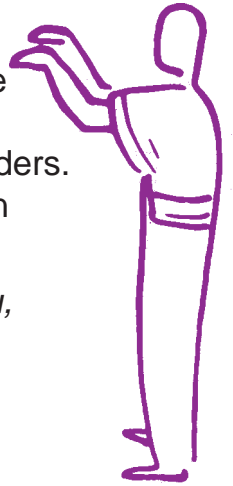
R. Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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. Two hands are
placed on the sick person's head or shoulders.
Recite the following prayer as each person
presents themselves.

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

The *Sacrament of the Sick* may also be
administered at this time.



Prayer of the Faithful —

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

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Leader: For those who provide health care in the Third
World, and in countries ravaged by war and
conflict. That we will find ways to help them
provide adequate medical personnel and
supplies. We pray to the Lord....

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Leader: That we may better appreciate the contribu-
tion made by Catholic health care in Canada,
we pray to the Lord....

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