

Leader: God of tenderness and compassion,
you come to be with us in our humanity,
hear our prayer this day.
Enable us to share your tenderness
and compassion with those
who are weary and carry heavy burdens
so that they may find rest for their souls.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN

Blessing of the Caregivers —

All those who care for the sick are asked to stand.
Those assembled stretch out a hand and say:

May God the Father who made us, bless you.
May God the Son send healing among you.
May God the Spirit move within you and give you
warm hands and warm eyes of compassion for all in
your care;
warm hearts for those with whom you work.
May you have hearts that are tuned to listen to the
sounds of human life
hearts that are other-centered – gently walking in
God's way.
May the Blessing of Compassion be upon you.

The Lord's Prayer —

Concluding Prayer —

Compassionate God,
Come to us now,
open the doors of our hearts
to your abiding presence.
Tenderly gather in your arms
all who are experiencing the realities
of sickness and suffering and
comfort them with your loving presence.
Make us mindful of each other's needs
and gentle and compassionate in our response.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN

World Day of the Sick A Service of Prayer



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LITURGY

OPENING RITE

Gathering Song —

Welcome —

Opening Prayer —

God of compassion,
You are the hope of all who suffer.
Your Son Jesus touched the sick,
shared the sorrow of those who mourn
and consoled all who longed for
healing of any kind.

Gift us now so that we may discover
through suffering and fear,
the strength to live with grace and humor.
May we discover through doubt and anguish
the strength to live with dignity and wholeness.

Bless our caregivers and
help them to be a consoling presence among us.
AMEN

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

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, who heals both body and spirit lift you up
and bring you comfort.***

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

Prayer of the Faithful —

Leader: Lord Jesus, you come to us in hope and courage
may we support people who are sick and in pain.

All: ***Come Lord Jesus***

Leader: Lord Jesus, you come to speak the human word of God’s
compassion, help us to show genuine compassion to all who
bear heavy burdens.

All: ***Come Lord Jesus***

Leader: Lord Jesus, you comfort the sorrowing and give strength to
the weary, grant all health care professionals the gift of
compassion.

All: ***Come Lord Jesus***

Leader: Lord Jesus, you remind us that your yoke is easy and your
burden is light, enable us to ease the yoke and burdens of
one another.

All: ***Come Lord Jesus***

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are the source of our peace,
May all who die today experience peace in your light.

All: ***Come Lord Jesus***