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HEALING IS ONE OF THE WORDS PEOPLE SEARCH FOR MOST WHEN they open the Bible. That makes sense. Sooner or later, sickness comes to every family. When it does, we want to know: Does God care? Does God still heal? What do I pray?

The Bible answers the first two questions with a clear yes. Jesus spent much of His ministry healing the sick, and He never once turned away someone who came to Him for help. This booklet will help with the third question. It gives you words for the hospital room, the waiting room, the long night, and the slow road back.

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shall be saved: for thou art my praise.*

JEREMIAH 17:14 · KJV

HE HAS NOT CHANGED

JESUS THE HEALER



Read the Gospels and you will find Jesus touching lepers no one else would touch, stopping a whole crowd for one sick woman, and going to a little girl's bedside when everyone said it was too late. The Bible says "*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*" The One who cared then cares now.

MARK 5:25-34 · THE WOMAN WHO TOUCHED HIS
GARMENT

5 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, ²⁶And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, ²⁷When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. ²⁸For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. ²⁹And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. ³⁰And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had

gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? ³¹And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? ³²And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. ³³But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. ³⁴And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

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IN PLAIN WORDS

This woman had been sick for twelve years and spent all her money on doctors. She was not even supposed to be in a crowd. She just reached out. Jesus stopped everything to find her, called her *Daughter*, and sent her home whole. You can reach out too.



"Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace."

FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE

PRAYERS FOR *the sick*



FOR HEALING

*Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician. You made this body,
and You know every part of it. I ask You to heal _____.
Touch what is broken. Stop what is spreading. Ease the pain.
Give the doctors wisdom, the nurses patience, and the medi-
cine power. And while we wait, give us peace, because we
know that we are in Your hands.*

AMEN.





BEFORE SURGERY

Father, I place myself into Your care. Guide the hands of the surgeon and the minds of everyone in that room. Keep me calm as I go under, and wake me in Your peace. Whatever happens, I am Yours, and You are with me.

AMEN.



FOR A LONG ILLNESS

Lord, this road is longer than I expected. Some days I feel strong, and some days I can barely lift my head. Give me strength for today only. Not for the whole road — just for today. Do not let me become bitter. Do not let me lose hope. Let me find You in the small mercies: a kind nurse, a phone call, a good hour, a morning without pain.

AMEN.





FOR A HEALING OF THE MIND

Lord, the sickness I carry is one people cannot see. Depression, worry, grief and memories press on me. Heal my mind as surely as You healed bodies in Galilee. Lead me to the right help, and give me courage to accept it. Remind me that I am not broken beyond repair, and that You are near to the brokenhearted.

AMEN.

THOSE WHO SIT UP THROUGH THE NIGHT

FOR THE *caregivers*



If you are caring for a sick parent, spouse or child, you are doing holy work, and it is hard work. Caregivers often get tired, lonely and overlooked. Please do not forget to care for yourself. Jesus Himself went off to rest and pray.



A CAREGIVER'S PRAYER

Lord, You see what I do every day, even when no one else does. Give me patience when I am tired and gentleness when I am frustrated. Give me wisdom for every decision and strength for every lift. When I have nothing left, fill me up again. And help me to remember that caring for them is caring for You.

AMEN.

JAMES 5

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY TO DO?

JAMES 5:13-16

5 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. ¹⁴Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: ¹⁵And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. ¹⁶Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

KING JAMES VERSION

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

James tells the sick to **call for the elders of the church** — in our case, the pastor and church leaders — to pray over them. You do not have to go through sickness alone. Call the church office at **(215) 735-8961** and ask for a pastoral visit or prayer. That is exactly what the church is for.

PROMISES FOR *the sick*



1

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

PSALM 103:2-4

Don't forget what God has done: He forgives, He heals, He saves, and He crowns us with kindness.

2

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

ISAIAH 53:5

Written centuries before Jesus, this points to His suffering for us. By His wounds, we are healed.

3

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

PSALM 147:3

God heals broken hearts and bandages wounds, like a nurse who does not rush.

4

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16

Even as our bodies wear out, God is renewing us on the inside, every single day.

5

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

REVELATION 21:4

One day there will be no more sickness, tears or death. This is our final hope.

AN HONEST WORD

WHEN HEALING DOES NOT COME *the way we prayed*

Sometimes we pray, and the person we love does not get better. That is one of the hardest things a believer faces. The Bible does not hide from it. The apostle Paul prayed three times for God to take away a painful "thorn in the flesh," and God said no — but He also said, *"My grace is sufficient for thee."*

We do not always understand God's answers. But we know this: for those who belong to Jesus, every healing is coming. Some come here, some come later, and some come on the other side, where God makes all things new. Your prayers were not wasted. They were heard, and they were held.

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 · KJV

SIT WITH IT

Who am I praying healing for today?

How can I help someone who is sick or caring for someone this week?



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