

Introduction to Healing Service:

Healing was central to the ministry of Jesus. It was a sign of God's kingdom, bringing renewal and wholeness of life to those who turned to God in their need. Jesus sent out his disciples with the commission to 'proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.

In every act of worship, the Church celebrates the grace of God who desires wholeness of body, mind and spirit for all people. At a service of healing, we focus on that aspect of God's character.

We bring to God our own frailty and brokenness and all the burdens which weigh us down. We also bring our concerns for others and for the world. Above all, we come to the God who knows our needs before we ask, and whose love revealed in Jesus Christ is stronger than suffering and death.

Prayer:

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick in our community,
and those in foreign lands,

We pray for those in hospital or at home,

for those whose minds

are beset with anxiety and fear,

for those oppressed or broken in spirit;

for those who turn to us for healing and comfort that, together in you, we may find wholeness and peace.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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We pray for all who suffer;

for the victims of war and violence;

of persecution and aggression;

of disaster and accident;

we pray for the homeless and the hungry;

for refugees and asylum-seekers;

for the destitute and the oppressed;

for the lonely and unloved; and for those who mourn;

that they may find strength and hope.