

Litany and Prayers for Healing.

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The Litany of the Sick.

O Christ, our Saviour, be present with us
as we pray :

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

For Thy loving Presence with us, promised
to us through all the ages :

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the power given to us through the
Holy Spirit to intercede for Thy weak and
suffering children :

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For health of soul and body given in
answer to our prayers :

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the power of Thy Healing Presence to
dispel all evil and weakness of body and soul :

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the gift of Healing given to Thy
Church and manifest in Thy members :

We thank Thee, O Lord.

O Father, Who didst make man, body,
soul and spirit :

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Who hast assumed our flesh,
didst take our sicknesses upon Thyself, and
heal our diseases :

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Spirit, Who dost quicken our
mortal bodies, helpst our infirmities, and
dost sanctify our souls :

Have mercy upon us.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Triune God,
Giver of Life, Fountain of health, and Source
of all strength :

Have mercy upon us.

By Thy Holy Incarnation, by Thy healing
ministry, by Thy stripes and wounds, and by
Thy resurrection from the dead :

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy human sympathy, by the touch
of Thy hand, by Thy power over all evil, and
by the voice that raised the dead :

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the quickening power of the Holy Spirit, by the medicine of the Sacraments, by the anointing of the sick with oil, by the prayer of faith, and by the sanctifying of all human knowledge and earthly remedies :

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our affliction and distress, in suffering and pain, in weakness and weariness :

Good Lord, deliver us.

When our last hour is come, sense and mind grow dim, and vain is the help of man :

Good Lord, deliver us.

In joy and sorrow, in health and sickness, in life and death, now and everlastingly :

Good Lord, deliver us.

If we have broken Thy laws of health ; if we have been ignorant and careless of Thy commands : if we have brought suffering upon ourselves or upon others, by impurity, gluttony or intemperance :

Forgive us, Lord.

If we have despised and neglected our bodies ; if we have misused and enslaved our

minds; if we have allowed our spirits to become a prey to worry, distrust or despair:

Forgive us, Lord.

If we have abused Thy gifts of food and drink; if we have rejected the remedies of nature; if we have neglected the healing powers of the mind; and if we have forgotten Thee, the Great Physician:

Forgive us, Lord.

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, that Thou wouldest restore to Thy Church the apostolic gift of healing the bodies as well as the souls of men:

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That Thou wouldest bless all doctors and physicians, all nurses and attendants, all who seek to exercise mental and spiritual healing; and grant unto them knowledge and faith, skill and sympathy, tenderness and patience:

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That Thou wouldest bless all hospitals and infirmaries, all medical missions among the poor and the heathen, consider the affliction of Thy people, and forget not Thy poor for ever:

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That Thou wouldest inspire and direct all medical research to the discovery of true remedies, the prevention of disease, and the relief of pain :

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That Thou wouldest have mercy upon the halt and the blind, the deaf and the dumb, those who are mentally deficient and tormented, and all who are in any way afflicted or distressed :

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That Thou wouldest fill all men with compassion for the sufferings of the lower creation, and teach us how to avoid causing any of Thy creatures needless pain :

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That Thou wouldest hear us for our sick friends and for all who have desired our prayers (whom now we remember before Thee); that Thou wouldest visit those who are appointed unto death and mercifully receive the spirits of the dying :

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us :

Hear us and answer us, O Lord.

Prayers.

I.—Almighty and most merciful God, in Whom we live and move and have our being; Lord of all life, gracious and almighty; hear our thanksgivings for all that Thou hast given to us in body and soul; for sin forgiven, for weakness strengthened, for new life bestowed; and especially for the healing gift bestowed upon the Church of Thy Incarnate Son, Jesus. Grant that we may receive the same in lowly reverence and patient faith, to the honour and glory of Thy Name. Amen.

II.—We implore Thy mercy, O Lord, the Giver of all health, on behalf of all who are troubled with manifold diseases by reason of the infirmity of the flesh, that Thou, Who alone canst relieve them, wilt be pleased to visit them with Thy Gracious Presence, and touch them into perfect health. Amen.

O Lord, forasmuch as it is an easy thing with Thee to give life to the dead, restore, we pray Thee, those who are sick to their

former health, and grant that they, seeking the healing of Thy heavenly mercy for their bodies, may obtain the richer blessings for their souls. Amen.

III.—O Lord, the Healer of all diseases, Who didst charge Thy Church to carry on Thy saving work, not by the preaching of the Gospel alone, but also by the healing of the sick; bless all whom Thou hast called to be fellow labourers with Thee in this ministry; give unto them health of body and of soul; grant that they may exercise their ministry in entire dependence upon Thee, under Thy sanction, and for Thy glory; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

IV.—O God, Who has granted the Gift of Healing to Thy servants, look graciously on them and preserve in them this power for Thy glory; and grant that those committed to their care may be delivered from all pains, troubles and disease, both of body and mind, and from all the snares, temptations and assaults of the powers of darkness, through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who

with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

V.—Remember, O Lord, the sick of Thy people; visit them in Thy mercy and loving-kindness and heal them. Avert from them all sickness and infirmity, and drive away the spirit of weakness. Raise up those who are lying in long sickness; and heal all who are troubled in mind or spirit. To every Christian soul that is in trouble grant healing and light and peace. Amen.

VI.—O Lord God of compassions, stretch out Thine hand and grant that all the sick may be healed. Grant them to be counted worthy of health. Free them from the sickness that lies upon them. Let them be healed in the Name of Thy Only Begotten. May His Holy Name be to them a medicine of health and soundness, because through Him to Thee is the glory and the strength in the Holy Spirit, both now and to the ages of ages. Amen.

VII.—We pray that the Lord our God may send to the sick, and especially to them who

are vexed with cruel diseases, and are tried by most evil spirits, His holy angels of love and salvation, and may visit and heal and help them through the greatness of His grace and mercy. Amen.

VIII.—O Almighty Father, Who dost heal both the bodies and the souls of men, Who didst send Thine only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to heal every disease and sickness and to redeem us from death; deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from all infirmities both of soul and body which do hinder us, and quicken us by the grace of Thy Christ; for Thou art the Fountain of Healing, O our God, and unto Thee do we give the glory, with Thine only begotten Son, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.—*From Prayer used by Eastern Church at anointing.*

IX.—O God of heavenly powers, Who by the might of Thy command drivest away from men's bodies all sickness and infirmity, be present in Thy goodness with us—that our weakness may be banished and our strength recalled; and that our strength

being thus restored, we may bless Thy Holy Name, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

X.—O God, rich in pity as in power, merciful and mighty; have respect unto Thy whole creation, groaning and travailing in pain until now; and as Thou hast broken the power of evil by the cross of Christ, and by His endless sacrifice takest away the sin of the world, hasten the time when the last enemy of man shall be trodden under foot, death shall be no more, neither mourning nor crying, nor pain any more, and Thou shalt wipe away all tears from our eyes; through Thy redeeming love in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

XI.—Most merciful God, the Helper of all men, we leave Thy suffering servants in Thy hands, assured that their sorrow will be turned into joy, for the glory of Thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XII.—Almighty God, Who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's Name; we beseech Thee mercifully

to incline Thine ear to us, that have made now our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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