

A Service of Healing Prayers

Officiant Grace and peace be with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Officiant then says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

All then say

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant then pronounces absolution, saying

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Officiant may then read a brief passage of Scripture, or these and similar words from the Iona Abbey Worship Book.

Listen to these words of Jesus, words that we can trust:

Don't be afraid.
I love you.
Your sins are forgiven.
I will be with you always.

Write these words in our hearts, loving God, and let them take root in our living. **Amen.**

Litany of Healing

The Officiant begins the Litany of Healing, adapted from Enriching Our Worship 2, with this bidding

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The Officiant will read the names and petitions submitted that week; in the pause that follows, the People are also welcome to name silently or aloud those persons or situations for which they pray. The Officiant will then continue

O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God the Maker of heaven and earth, your will for all people is health and salvation; in your mercy,

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hear our prayer.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly; in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence; in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being; in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord of life: Grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole; in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence; in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit; in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved; in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world; in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

A brief silence may follow. Then the Officiant says

Holy God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory; for you made us, you love us, and you keep us. **Amen.**

All then say together the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

These or other prayers may be added

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God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring us hope and courage as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us equal to whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, and love enough to blaze the trails of grief as we make our way to wholeness in you; for you are God, and we need you as much today as yesterday and all the days to come. Bless us with the faith of Jesus and the peace that only you can give. *Amen. adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book*

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the well-being of your people; through our Savior Jesus Christ, in whom we are made whole. *Amen. from The Book of Common Prayer*

Holy One, you created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the service of justice in our communities and within our nation, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen. adapted from Trinity Church, Boston*

The Officiant offers a blessing, and then says

People Let us go in peace.
 Thanks be to God.