

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

FOR A SICK PERSON

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech you to behold, visit, and relieve your sick servant *N.* for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of your mercy; comfort *him* with a sense of your goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; and give *him* patience under *his* affliction. In your good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the remainder of *his* life in your fear, and to your glory; and grant that finally *he* may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servant *N.* the help of your power, that *his* sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant *N.*, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that, *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR A SICK CHILD

Heavenly Father, watch with us over your child *N.*, and grant that *he* may be restored to that perfect health which it is yours alone to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom: We commend to your loving care this child *N.* Relieve *his* pain, guard *him* from all danger, restore to *him* your gifts of gladness and strength, and raise *him* up to a life of service to you. Hear us, we pray, for your dear Name's sake. **Amen.**

BEFORE AN OPERATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, graciously comfort your servant *N.* in *his* suffering, and bless the means used for *his* cure. Though at times *he* may be afraid, fill *his* heart with confidence that *he* may yet put *his* trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servant *N.*, and give your power of healing to those

who minister to *his* needs, that *he* may be strengthened in *his* weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF ILLNESS

Sanctify, O Lord, the sickness of your servant *N.*, that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith and seriousness to *his* repentance; and grant that *he* may live with you in everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR HEALTH OF BODY AND SOUL

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR A BEGINNING OF RECOVERY

O Lord, your compassions never fail, and your mercies are new every morning: We give you thanks for giving our *brother N.* both relief from pain and hope of health renewed. Continue in *him*, we pray, the good work you have begun; that *he*, daily increasing in bodily strength, and rejoicing in your goodness, may so order *his* life that *he* may always think and do those things that please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR A SICK PERSON WHEN THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF RECOVERY

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly to you for aid on behalf of this your servant, here lying in great weakness of body. Look graciously

upon *him*, O Lord; that as *he* outwardly fades away, you would strengthen *him* inwardly with your grace and Holy Spirit. Give *him* true repentance for all the errors of *his* life, and steadfast faith in your Son Jesus; that *his* sins may be done away by your mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven; through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR USE BY A SICK PERSON

FOR TRUST IN GOD

O God, the source of all health: So fill my heart with faith in your love, that with calm expectancy I may make room for your power to possess me, and gracefully accept your healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IN PAIN

Lord Jesus Christ, by your patience in suffering you hallowed earthly pain and gave us the example of obedience to your Father's will: Be near me in my time of weakness and pain; sustain me by your grace, that my strength and courage may not fail; heal me according to your will; and help me always to believe that what happens to me here is of little account if you hold me in eternal life, my Lord and my God. **Amen.**

A PRAYER WHEN TAKING MEDICINE

Almighty God, in your goodness you created the earth and all its elements, and have given us skill to make medicines that heal and relieve our pain. All healing comes from you, and in you I put my trust. Grant that this medication may, in your mercy, give comfort and bring healing to my body; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR SLEEP

O heavenly Father, you give your children sleep for the refreshing of soul and body: Grant me this gift, I pray; keep me in that perfect peace which you have promised to those whose minds are fixed on you; and give me such a sense of your presence, that in the hours of silence I may enjoy the blessed assurance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IN THE MORNING

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, help me to do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURES FOR USE BY A SICK PERSON

For perseverance in suffering: ISAIAH 53, 1 PETER 2:21-25, 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24, 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10, ROMANS 8:18-39

For hope for healing: 2 KINGS 5:1- 14, JAMES 5:13-20, LUKE 5:12-26, LUKE 13:10-17, ACTS 3:1-10

For the hope of eternity: LUKE 2:25-35, JOHN 14, 1 CORINTHIANS 15:42-58, 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-18, 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

See also the Selections of Psalms on page 269.