

A Deacon or lay person says the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14^T

Minister Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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 thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant *N.* for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; and give *him* patience under *his* affliction. In thy good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of those who suffer; Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to thy servant *N.* the help of thy 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, we pray thee, over thy child *N.*, and grant that *he* may be restored to that perfect health which it is thine alone to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

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

BEFORE AN OPERATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, graciously comfort thy 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 thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE

Heavenly Father, who art the giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve thy sick servant *N.*, and give thy power of healing to those who minister to *his* needs, that *he* may be strengthened

in *his* weakness and have confidence in thy loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF ILLNESS

Sanctify, we beseech thee, O Lord, the sickness of this thy servant *N.*; that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance; and grant that *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR HEALTH OF BODY AND SOUL

May God the Father bless thee, God the Son heal thee, God the Holy Ghost give thee strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard thy body, save thy soul, and bring thee safely to his heavenly country; where he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR A BEGINNING OF RECOVERY

O Lord, whose compassions faileth not, and whose mercies are new every morning: We give thee thanks for granting our *brother N.* both relief from pain and hope of health renewed. Continue in *him*, we pray thee, the good work thou hast begun; that *he*, daily increasing in bodily strength, and rejoicing in thy goodness, may so order *his* life that *he* may always think and do those things that please thee; 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 unto thee for succor on behalf of this thy

servant, here lying in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord; and the more *he* outwardly fadeth away, strengthen *him*, we beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of his life past, and steadfast faith in thy Son Jesus; that *his* sins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven; through the same thy Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **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 thy love, that with calm expectancy I may make room for thy power to possess me, and gracefully accept thy healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IN PAIN

Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy patience in suffering didst hallow earthly pain and didst give us thy example of obedience to thy Father's will: Be near to me in my time of weakness and pain; sustain me by thy grace, that my strength and courage may not fail; heal me according to thy will; and help me always to believe that whatsoever happeneth to me here is of little account if thou holdest me in eternal life, my Lord and my God. **Amen.**

A PRAYER WHEN TAKING MEDICINE

Almighty God, in thy goodness thou didst create the earth and all its elements, and thou hast given us skill to make medicines that heal and relieve our pain. All healing cometh from thee, and in thee I put my trust. Grant that this medicine may, in

thy mercy, give comfort and bring healing to my body; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR SLEEP

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

IN THE MORNING

This is another day, O Lord, and 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, I PETER 2:21-25, I 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, I CORINTHIANS 15:42-58, 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-18, I THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

See also the Selections of Psalms on page 269.