

Praying for Wellness

(of the ill and injured, their loved ones, & those who will pray for and minister to them)

Holy Father in heaven, **Yahweh Rophe is Your Name – the Lord Who heals Your people** (Matt 6:9. Ex 15:26). As Jesus prayed in the Garden and instructed his disciples to keep watch with Him (Matt 26:38-41), we pray and watch with the least of these who are right now suffering. (Matt 25:39-40) Jesus, You **prayed “Abba! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; if this cannot pass away, Your will be done.”** (Matt 26:42. Mark 14:36) So we ask, is it absolutely necessary for these to remain in illness or injury, or can their cup of suffering be allowed to pass away – pass away from these precious people we pray for, even by name, before You today?

For Your Gospel says in Matthew that You **“cast out the spirits with a Word, and healed all who were ill”** (Matt 8:16), and the next verse says this was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah when he prophesied Your victorious death on the cross, **“He took our infirmities and carried away our diseases.”** (Matt 8:17. Is 53:4) O thank You, Holy Redeemer, that You healed us entirely in Your suffering – in spirit, soul, mind, emotions, AND body. Lord, we know so much of sickness and injury is just from being in this fallen world where we suffer since the fall of Adam. But, O Blessed Savior, You **redeemed us from the curse of the Law (Deut 28) having become a curse for us** (Gal 3:13). Thank You so very, very, very much for putting this powerful connection for us in the Word, so we know You bore us in our whole persons on that horrible but glorious day of the cross. Peter reminds us of this promise again when he also proclaims by the Spirit the words of Isaiah, **“The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him and by His wounds you were healed.”** (I Pet 2:24. Is 53:5) Merciful God, this Word builds our faith in You so!

So, Holy God, we ask for Your kingdom to come and Your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matt 6:10). Reveal Yourself on earth in this time and for these ones as Yahweh Rophe of the entire person – spirit, soul, mind, emotions, and body. We humbly proclaim that **You are great in lovingkindness, good to all, Your mercies are over all Your works** (Psalm 145:9), and **Your own are the work of Your hands.** (Is 64:8) So please walk by, Jesus, as You so often did in the Word, healing not just the flesh, but the deepest needs for those who expressed their faith, their assurance in Emmanuel, God with us. Thank You for doing the deeper work of faith in Your own.

God of Righteousness, do the deeper, eternal work, as You did for the one leper of the ten who had received their cleansing at a distance – the cleansing You so often impart by the cleansing hands of medicine and doctors and hospitals. But as You did for the one leper who **became spiritually sanctified and cleansed by the washing of water with the Word** (Eph 5:26-27), may we all in Your church fall on our faces at Your feet and receive a true healing, a fresh faith to be truly well, to give thanks and glory to God, then to stand up and go. (Luke 17:12-19)

So we fix our eyes on You, **Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of faith**, Who for the joy set before You endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb 12:2) Gracious God, **One who gives the gift of faith, not of ourselves but of You** (Eph 2:8), we know our belief is not in a healing but in You, our Healer. Our belief and relief is in You alone! **On the basis of faith in Your Name, Jesus, we ask for the Name of Jesus to strengthen those that we see and know; and the faith which comes through You gives perfect health.** (Acts 3:16) God of Truth, lead us away from creating a false belief in a healing. But we will confidently put our trust in You and the promises of Your Word and not in our own understanding of these difficulties. (Prov 3:5) We ask You to **fill these in need and their loved ones with all joy and peace as they put their trust in You, so that they may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.** (Rom 15:13). Job waited for his deliverance and cried, **“I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted...I have heard by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You.”** (Job 42:2,5)

Gracious God, bear fruit from any process of holy pruning. You spoke to Paul given a thorn in the flesh, **“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.”** (2Cor 12:7-9) So Lord, we are confident – if in this moment Your healing is to occur, then it will be; and if there is a process, then it will be; and if there is a greater purpose; then it will be, just as it was for Job who was richly blessed in seeing You and being fully restored (Job 42:10. Rom 8:26-30). We rejoice in Your Word, **“But for you who revere My Name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings, and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.”** (Mal 4:2)

Heavenly King, even for some who are too weak or too young or too unaware to be able to speak to You, we intercede for all these who have come to our awareness by **Your Holy Spirit Who Himself intercedes with groanings too deep for words.** (Rom 8:26) Just as some men brought a paralyzed man on his bed and WENT UP on the roof and with determination came right INTO THE ROOM OF YOUR PRESENCE (Luke 5:19), we do the same at this moment on behalf of these. **We come into heavenly places** (Eph 2:6) **with boldness and confident access through our faith in You** (Eph 3:12). Do you see us Lord? Yes, You are the God Who sees us! (Gen 16:13-14)...and we see You with faith that is not of these flesh eyes (Heb 11:1), but with the enlightened eyes of our hearts (Eph 3:18. 2Cor 4:18). So we bring these into Your Presence. We see You, Lord. **Now see our faith in You!** (Mark 2:5) **We know the surpassing greatness of Your power toward those of us who believe.** (Eph 3:19) **We ask Your power to be present for You to perform healing,** just as it was for the paralyzed man. (Luke 5:17) **It was in seeing their faith** that You spoke “Friend, son, your sins are forgiven...I say to you, get up, and pick up your stretcher and go home.” (Luke 5:20,24. Mark 2:5,11)

With You, Jesus, at our right hand – and knowing You are seated at the right hand of the Father – in that sweet place, nestled in between our Holy Father and our Beloved Jesus, we, and those we bring with us in prayer, will not be shaken (Psalm 16:8. Psalm 73:23. Eph 1:20; 2:6. Col 3:1). We are continually with You. For it is in this tender place that we ask for these needy ones to find You to be the **Father of mercies and God of all comfort Who comforts us in all afflictions.** (2Cor 1:3-4) **Here with thanksgiving, we make our supplication known to You, and the peace that passes all understanding will guard all our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.** (Phil 4:6-7)

Merciful Father, we recall what You spoke to Hezekiah the leader of Your people, when he prayed and wept, “Remember now, O Lord, I beseech You, how I have walked before You in truth and with a whole heart and have done what is good in Your sight.” (2Kings 20:3). For Your children today in need of healing – who walk in the truth of Jesus, who **draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and bodies washed with pure water** and so are good in Your sight (Heb 10:22) – may they hear You say, **“I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you.”** (2Kings 20:5). We join in praying with them that in all respects Your children – Jesus’ body, Jesus’ church, His bride, His friends, His sisters and brothers, Jesus’ inheritance – **may prosper and be in good health!** (3John:2) God, for any who are sick to the point of death, **have mercy** on them, and not on them only, but also on their loved ones, **so they would not have sorrow upon sorrow.** (Phil 2:27) **For if any one in Christ is to live on in the flesh, let it mean fruitful labor for them.** (Phil 1:22) Lord, let them not die but live to declare the works of the Lord. (Ps 118:17). **Heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds.** (Ps 147:3) Holy Spirit, increase Your **joy in their hearts as excellent medicine** (Prov 17:22), and the **joy of the Lord will be their strength.** (Neh 4:10). Strengthen the mind of Christ within these (1Cor 2:16), and give generous wisdom (James 1:5) for how to proceed down a patient path of trust. (Prov 3:5).

Mighty Deliverer, You have called us to **take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, with all prayer and petition, pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petitions for all the saints.** (Eph 6:17-18). Living God, You have called us to **“Attend to my Words. Let them not depart from your eyes...your heart...they are life unto those that find them and health to all their flesh.”** (Prov 4: 20-22) So, Eternal God, we will continue to offer You prayers, sourced in Your holy Word, and always meditate upon Your Bread of Life. We ask Your Holy Spirit to also draw these needy and their loved ones deeply into Your Word of truth.

Faithful Lord, just before You were received up into heaven and seated at the right hand of God, we recall You said, **“These signs will accompany those who have believed: In My name they will cast out demons.” “They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.”** (Mark 16:17-18) David in the Psalms revealed Your heart, **“My God in Whom I trust...He delivers from the deadly pestilence....under His wings seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield...you will not be afraid...Make the Lord your dwelling place....No evil will befall you, nor will any plague come near your dwelling place...He will give His angels charge concerning you... ‘Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him. He will call upon Me and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble. I will rescue him and honor him. With a long life I will satisfy him and let him see My salvation.’ ”** (Psalm 91) **“Their soul abhorred all kinds of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried out to the Lord in trouble. He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His Word and healed them and delivered them from destructions.”** (Psalm 107:18-20). **“O Lord my God, I cried to You for help and You healed me.”** (Psalm 30:2) **“ ‘For I will restore you to health and I will heal you of Your wounds,’ declares the Lord.”** (Jer 30:17) Heavenly Father, we keep humbly reminding You of Your own Words and may these promises be according to Your will today. May they be a **yes and, through Jesus, our Amen, to the glory of God through us!** (2Cor 1:20)

Jesus, we ask if there is an ill or injured one who does not know You, or among their loved ones, then we pray first and foremost that Your Holy Spirit of Truth – Who convicts of sin, judgment, and righteousness (John 16:8) – will **open their eyes so they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of satan to You, Holy God, to receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in You, Jesus.** (Acts 26:18) Help their unbelief. (Mark 9:24) For faith in You is the greater gift you gave to the blind men who pleaded for their eyes to be opened, since after Your compassionate touch on their eyes to sight, **they followed You.** (Matt 20:34) Lord, again we cry, go deeper than what is happening in the flesh. Is there one who has turned away from You as their first love? By Your Spirit, lead them back with kindness (Rom 2:4) to **repent and return so their sins may be wiped away, in order for times of refreshing to come from the Presence of the Lord.** (Acts 3:19) You said You came with compassion as the **Physician for the sick** (Matt 9:12-13). In these moments of flesh suffering, go deeper, Lord Jesus, to **revive the hearts of those brought lowly and contrite** (Is 57:15), for although the outer man may decay, renew the inner man day by day. (2 Cor 4:16)

Come, Divine Helper. Do Your deeper work in those whose names are recorded in heaven (Luke 10:20), in the person who is ill or injured, and in the persons who love them so, and in the spirits of those who will be affected tomorrow by their suffering today, even in us who pray for these! (Rom 8:28) It was not until the temple had been cleansed could You heal in the temple. (Matt 21:12-14) For some it was after forgiveness flowed, as when You said to the paralytic, **“Get up, pick up your bed and go home.”** (Matt 9:2-6) Fulfill Your eternal purposes. (Eph 1:11) Lead these in triumph in Christ. (2Cor 2:14) So we lay these at Your feet today. Be glorified today, God of Israel (Matt 15:31), for that is the deepest desire of any spirit in need, to be a vessel that **may gain You, may be found in You, and may know You; and may thereby glorify You.** (Phil 3:8-10)

Lamb of God, just as the Jews put the blood over the doorpost of every loved one of every age for the angel of death to pass over, we put Your blood, Jesus, over the doorpost of these loved ones. (Ex 12:13 1Pet1:2) Just as Your chosen ones rejoiced in the morning when Life was still with them, **We ask for Your light to break forth like the dawn, Your healing, Your recovery to spring forth speedily, and Your righteousness to go before these. Let Your amazing glory be their rear guard.** (Is 58:8)

Bread of Life, You have given us the beautiful gift of Your Word, **and faith comes by hearing the Word** (Rom 10:17). Glorious Jesus, You are so glorified by Your works revealed to us in Your Word. Thank You that Your Scriptures are alive today as we meditate upon Your healings.

You spoke, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me.” “to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.” “He who has ears, let him hear.” (Matt 11:15. Mark 4:9. Luke 8:8)

We hear how those who cared for others brought many needy with them and laid them down at Your feet and You healed them – the lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others. (Matt 15:30)

We hear that You healed all who were ill to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah “He Himself took our infirmities and carried away our diseases.” (Matt 8:16-17)

We hear that You went about healing every kind of sickness and disease (Matt 9:35) and cast out many demons, with compassion for the distressed and dispirited in need of a Shepherd. (Matt 9:35-36. Mark 1:34)

We hear how those who came near to You, to Your presence, even to touch just the fringe of Your cloak were being cured. (Mark 6:56)

Almighty God, we purpose to meditate richly on Your Word and increase our assurance and confidence in You, our faith, imparted to us in the pages of Scripture, and thereby **take up the shield of faith and extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one** (Eph 6:16. Rom 10:17) [additional Scriptures for meditation on Jesus’ healings are on pages 5 and 6]

We pray also, Holy Rophe, for those who will minister in person to the sick and injured, and for ourselves as intercessors. We hear how You responded to the man who cried, “Lord have mercy on my son” and rebuked the unclean spirit. You cautioned the disciples, who asked why they could not “drive it out,” to not have littleness of faith – littleness of faith that did not pursue God and His Presence, for they were mustering up and focusing only on a desired result in healing. Lord, as the intercessors for the sick and injured, and as the ones who will go and minister to them in person, **help us to seek more of You alone in times of prayer and fasting, while You are away from us, our Bridegroom, and as You also modeled in secluded prayer to our Father** (Matt 17:14-21. Mark 1:35. 2:20-22. Mark 9:29. Luke 4:1-13). Then we will bring Your holy Presence wherever we go with You, coming up from the wilderness leaning on our Beloved (Song of Songs 8:5. Luke 4:14), Your holy Presence where demons will shudder and leave, Your holy Presence where even a handkerchief or a shadow (Acts 5:15-16, 19:11-12) of our temples of the Holy Spirit will do the impossible. (Matt 17:20. Mark 9:23) Transform Your church to be as in the Book of Acts when the people from the cities in the vicinity **were bringing the sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed.** (Acts 5:16) Energize people to be quick and resourceful to help the ill and injured in practical ways to meet their needs generously and sacrificially, **bearing their burdens and thus fulfilling the law of Christ.** (Gal 6:1)

Great Provider, help us to freely give as we have received. (Matt 10:8) For each one has at least been measured a **mustard seed of faith** in the fullness of Who You really are, to be fully revealed in Your glory in the age to come. (Matt 24:30-31. Rom 12:3. Col 3:4. Rev:4-5) But we ask You to **firmly plant Your seed, Lord**, and ask for Your Presence of compassion and love through us to **grow and grow and become so desirable for bringing great shade to the needy**. (Mark 4: 30-32) We cry out that we may come, not just with a tiny glimmer of light and hope for the needy, but with a **brightly burning anointed oil of Your Holy Spirit from our flasks, filled to the brim of knowing You, as the five virgins held Who knew You**. (Matt 25:4)

In praying for others, as **we anoint the sick and injured with this rich oil in the name of Jesus, we ask as always to be in Your breastplate of righteousness, so our prayer can accomplish much** (2Cor 5:21. Eph 6:14. Phil 3:9. Jam 5:16). **We ask for your Holy Spirit to impart gifts of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, healing, and miracles** (1Cor 12:9) **and above all, LOVE**. (1Cor 13:2) May Your ministers be able to **see when a person has faith to be made well** and thereby speak healing words with confidence, as Paul did in Acts. (Acts 14:9-10) May we issue forth a humble yet powerful **prayer offered in faith in You, to restore the one who is sick and You will raise him up** (and *if* there has been any sin committed, it will be forgiven). (James 5:13-15) We will say, **“Take courage, stand up, He is calling for you.”** (Mark 10:49)

“Who is this coming up from the wilderness leaning on her Beloved?” (Song of Songs 8:5)

“When I found Him whom my soul loves, I held on to Him and would not let Him go” (Sng of Sgs 3:4)

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all our iniquities and heals all our diseases; Who redeems our lives from the pit; Who crowns us with lovingkindness and compassion; Who satisfies our years with good things, so that our youth is renewed like the eagle.” (Psalm 103:1-5)

“You are with us always, even to the end of this age.” (Matt 28:20)

“You are the same yesterday, today, and forever!” (Heb 13:8)

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” (Rev 5:12)

“Attend to my Words. Let them not depart from your eyes...your heart....they are life unto those that find them and health to all their flesh.” (Prov 4: 20-22)

Scriptures to worship Jesus for His healing ministry:

We hear You heal the man constantly tormented by demons to harm himself by the gnashing of stones. We hear You direct him to “Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you and how He had mercy on you.” (Mark 5:1-20)

We hear You rebuke an unclean spirit from the man in the synagogue, “Be quiet and come out of him!” and he came out without doing him any harm. (Luke 4:35)

We hear You stretch out Your hand to touch the leper and say “I am willing; be cleansed.” (Matt 8:1-4)

We hear that you touched Peter’s mother in law and You rebuked the fever, and it left her, and she waited on You. (Matt 8:15. Luke 4:39)

We hear You call on the Sabbath to the man with the withered hand to “Get up and come forward! Stretch out your hand.” and it was restored. (Mark 3:3-5. Luke 6:5)

We hear the Gentile centurion of authority who had built a temple for You, that he deferred to Your authority. We hear You acknowledge his “great faith” and heal his servant that very moment. (Luke 7:9-10)

We hear You call the woman with the hemorrhage who had been to many physicians, who touched Your cloak. Because of her faith in You, you called her “Daughter” and called her to “take courage; your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed.” (Matt 9:22. Mark 5:34)

We hear You respond to Jairus who fell at Your feet and appealed for you to “please come” to his daughter “to lay Your hand on her, and she will live.” After the clamoring crowd who did not know You in faith, were told to “Leave; for the girl has not died, but is asleep,” You took her by the hand, and we hear You say, “Little girl, get up! (Matt 9:25. Mark 5:41)

We hear that You loosed the woman with sickness caused by a spirit who was bent double and could not lift herself up. You spoke as Lord of the Sabbath, “Woman, you are freed from your sickness.” In her immediate straightening, she glorified God and all were rejoicing in Your glorious works. (Luke 13: 10-17)

We hear You again on the Sabbath taking hold of a man suffering from edema and healing him. (Luke 14:4)

We hear that the blind Who said “Yes, Lord” to affirm their belief that You “are able,” heard from You, “It shall be done according to your faith.” (Matt 9:29)

We hear that You came for all people, Jew and Gentile, in Your proclamation to the Canaanite woman. She recognized You are the Bread of Life and so ate humbly of the crumbs and was fully satisfied with the healing of her daughter plagued by a demon, “O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish.” (Matt 15:28)

We hear that You felt compassion for the grieving mother whose son was in a coffin, and proclaimed, “Young man, I say to you, arise!” (Luke 7:14)

We hear You, looking up to heaven with a deep sigh, cry “Be opened!” Everything about You, Your holy fingers in the deaf man’s ears and Your holy saliva in his mouth, was holy sufficient to impart healing, when You took him aside by himself to hear Your voice. For You do all things well. (Mark 7:33-37)

We hear two blind men cry, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David.” We hear You ask, “What do You want me to do for You.” We hear them call you “Lord” again and tell you, “We want our eyes to be opened.” We hear that You were moved with compassion, touched their eyes, and they regained their sight and followed you. (Matt 20:30-34)

We hear You stop for blind Bartimaeus, who cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” saying, “Receive your sight. Go, your faith has made you well.” He regained his sight and followed You, glorifying God, prompting others to glorify You. (Mark 10:52)

We hear the royal official implore You to “come down” and heal his son for he was at the point of death. We hear you speak, “Go; your son lives.” It became known the son “began to get better” at the “hour Jesus spoke.” Before, the father had believed “the word that Jesus spoke” but then You imparted Your redeeming faith to him, when later “he himself believed and his whole household.” (John 4:46-54)

We hear you on the Sabbath speak to the sick man at the Bethesda pool, “Do you wish to get well? Get up, pick up your pallet and walk. Behold you have become well; do not sin anymore so that nothing worse happens to you.” You were doing the work of Your Father, Your work. (John 5:1-17)

We hear you free the blind man and his parents who must have walked in unnecessary guilt about his blindness since birth, “It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Even Your saliva as a symbol of Your full holiness, mixed with the dirt of this world, became a healing balm in Your hands to the eyes. The healed man later proclaimed “If anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.” (John 9:34)

We hear, when told that Lazarus was sick, that You waited patiently for our Father’s timing so that “the Son of God may be glorified.” “I go that I may awaken him out of sleep” “Lazarus is dead so that you may believe.” “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live even if he dies.” “Father I thank You that You have heard Me.” “Unbind him and let him go.” Therefore, many of the Jews who came to Mary of Bethany and saw what He had done, believed in Him. (John 11:1-46)

We hear You even heal Your enemy’s ear, Your final healing in the flesh, by saying, “Stop! No more of this.” (Luke 22:51) “The cup which My Father has given to Me, shall I not drink it?” (John 18:11)

“To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever!” (Rev 5:13-14) In Jesus Name, Amen!