

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform us from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

PRAYERS for HEALING



*Resources for the day of prayer for
those who have been abused*

1st Friday of Lent

As we celebrate the Jubilee of Hope these prayers can be used either singly or as a service of Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer.

The symbolic action is integrated into the service but could be used as a separate activity.

This can be led by a lay person or a team in a parish.

A MOMENT OF STILLNESS

Be still and know that I am God
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I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee

In thee O Lord I put my trust
In thee O Lord I put my trust
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The Alexian Brothers' Prayer to Christ the Healer

In the comfort of your love,
I pour out to you, my Saviour,
The memories that haunt me,
The anxieties that perplex me,
The fears that stifle me,
The sickness that prevails upon me,
And the frustration of all the pain
that weaves about within me.
Lord, help me to see your peace in my turmoil,
your compassion in my sorrow,
your forgiveness in my weakness,
And, your love in my need.
Touch me, O Lord,
with your healing power and strength.



WE PRAY TO THE LORD

With hope in our hearts, we pray to the Lord

We pray for all who have suffered abuse in any way:
that the Lord will reach out with healing and peace.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray that we may become a community that actively cares
for and protects the most vulnerable, especially our children.

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We pray for the Spirit of wisdom: that we will grow a culture
of care and protection in our Church and world.

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We pray for all in the healing professions who minister to
those who suffer as a result of violence or abuse: that they will
embody the compassion of God.

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Concluding prayer:

God our refuge and our strength,
help us to create an atmosphere of trust
which enables us to speak our truth.

May we support each other and create a Christian community
together that is safe for all.

We pray this in the name of Jesus your Son. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader : The Lord is here

ALL: His Spirit is with us

Leader: He is close to all who call on Him

OPENING HYMN

The Lord will heal the broken heart.

God will seek the lost and find them.

I will bless the Lord all of my days.

I will bless the Lord and give God praise.

For the humble heart the Lord will guard.

In the Father's care may you rest from harm.

The Lord will heal the broken heart.

God will seek the lost and find them.

You who live in love shall never die.

You who keep your word Need never hide.

For the Lord will seek the righteous soul.

May the peace of God Be your life and hope.

The Lord will heal the broken heart.

God will seek the lost and find them.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

From the prophet Jeremiah 29: 11– 14

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 33: 18—22

**May your constant love be with us, LORD,
as we put our hope in you.**

The LORD watches over those who obey him,
those who trust in his constant love.
He saves them from death;
he keeps them alive in times of famine.

**May your constant love be with us, LORD,
as we put our hope in you.**

We put our hope in the LORD;
he is our protector and our help.
We are glad because of him;
we trust in his holy name.

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as we put our hope in you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Matthew 12 : 16—21

Jesus healed the sick and told them not to tell others about it. He did this so as to make come true what God had said through the prophet Isaiah:

"Here is my servant, whom I have chosen,
the one I love, and with whom I am pleased.

I will send my Spirit upon him,
and he will announce my judgment to the nations.

He will not argue or shout,
or make loud speeches in the streets.

He will not break off a bent reed,
nor put out a flickering lamp.

He will persist until he causes justice to triumph,
and on him all peoples will put their hope."

The Gospel of the Lord
PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

SYMBOLIC ACTION

You are invited to light a candle and place it in front of the altar or in a sacred space remembering all those who have suffered abuse in any way.

***May the light of Christ bring hope into the lives and hearts
of each one.***