

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

HEAR us, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour; extend thy accustomed goodness to this thy servant who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech thee, this trial to *him*; that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance. May it be thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, that so *he* may live the rest of *his* life in thy fear and to thy glory.

For a Sick Child

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst with joy receive and bless the children brought to thee, give thy blessing to this thy child: In thine own time deliver *him* from *his* bodily pain, that *he* may live to serve thee all *his* days. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

For Healing

O GOD, who by the might of thy command canst drive away from *men's* bodies all sickness and infirmity: be present in thy goodness with this thy servant, that *his* weakness being banished, and *his* health restored, *he* may live to glorify thy Holy Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, who art the giver of all health, and the aid of them that seek to thee for succour: we call upon thee for thy help and goodness mercifully to be showed upon this thy servant, that being healed of *his* infirmities, *he* may give thanks unto thee in thy Holy Church. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O CHRIST our Lord, who art the Physician of Salvation, grant unto the sick the aid of heavenly healing. Look upon all faithful people who are sick, and take their souls into thy keeping, and vouchsafe to deliver them from all infirmity; Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for the Suffering

O GOD, the Father of all, look down in pity on those who suffer, and heal the anguish of the world; release from the prison-house all held in the bondage of fear, and set free such as are bound by the fetters of disease, whether of soul or body. Do thou care for the desolate, give rest to the weary, comfort the sorrowful, watch by the sleepless, and to those who lie untended in their sickness grant the gentle ministry of angels, to supply their needs and relieve

their pain. Visit with thy great compassion all in their last agony and bring them in peace and safety into thy Paradise of love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before an Operation

O GOD, whose never-failing Providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; hear the humble prayers of thy servant, and direct the hand of the surgeon and prosper his skill to a merciful and blessed issue. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Convalescent

O LORD, whose compassions fail not, and whose mercies are new every morning: we give thee hearty thanks that it hath pleased thee to give to this our *brother* both relief from pain and hope of renewed health; continue, we beseech thee, in *him* the good work that thou hast begun; that, daily increasing in bodily strength, and humbly rejoicing in thy goodness, *he* may so order *his* life and conversation as always to think and do such things as shall please thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Recovery

O LORD God, giver of life and health; I most heartily thank thee, that in thy mercy, thou hast delivered me from sickness and affliction, and with a grateful heart I desire to offer unto thy fatherly goodness myself, my soul and body, to be a living sacrifice unto thee, always praising and magnifying thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister, I praise thee for the blessings of medical science whereby my bodily health has been restored; give me grace to recognize that thy ministry is continued by priests, pastors, and physicians, and that thou art still the Good Physician of the souls and bodies of men. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

