

Healing Prayers

James 5:¹⁵ *And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.* ¹⁶ *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

I have seen it over and over again in the last two and a half years. People asking for prayer and getting healed. God hears our prayers. From a sore toe and broken bones to cancer the people of Luke 10:27 have felt the healing touch of Jesus Christ.

Have you ever wanted to ask for prayer but didn't want to bother anyone? Or maybe you thought your problem wasn't serious enough to ask someone to pray with you. Or maybe you weren't comfortable enough to come up front and ask on Sunday Morning.



Isaiah 53:⁴ *Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God for his own sins!* ⁵ *But he was wounded and crushed for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace. He was whipped, and we were healed!* ⁶ *All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the guilt and sins of us all.*

I would like to encourage you next time you have an illness or some sort of aches and pains ask someone to pray with you. Ask on Sunday morning, or Wednesday or call the church or drop by, Tammy or I will be glad to pray with you. Ask our Pastors, Debra St. Romain, Todd Bergeron, Bill McMahan or Durwin Walker. Or of course you can ask our Founding Pastor, Leslie Akin. Don't forget that you can ask your Christian friends, your spouse or your parents.

Don't pass up the healing that Jesus died to give you. Ask and you will receive.

Matthew 7:⁷ *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.* ⁸ *For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.* ⁹ *"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! ¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.*

Do you want to have hands laid on you or be anointed with oil as the scriptures tell us to do in the book of James? Then boldly ask someone.

James 5:¹³ *Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.* ¹⁴ *Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.*

None of us truly understands the way God heals. Sometimes it happens immediately, sometimes in a few hours or days or even longer... **Luke 17:**¹¹ *Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.* ¹² *As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy^l met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." **And as they went, they were cleansed.***

Sometimes He uses the skill of Doctors to heal. If your healing isn't manifested the first time you ask for prayer ask again and again until you receive your healing or God answers you in some way.

1 Thessalonians 5 ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

God heals all wounds not only physical ones. Come to Him and ask for peace, for comfort, for rest.

Psalms 147:3 "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

Romans 15: ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Philippians 4 ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶**Do not be anxious about anything**, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷**And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.** ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. **And the God of peace will be with you.**

If you sense someone needs prayer be bold and ask if you can pray with that person. Sometimes God will nudge you to pray for someone and it is not always easy to be obedient. Get out of your box and reach out to someone in need. We are all ministers of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 10: ⁷As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Don't wait don't delay, ask someone to pay with you today!

Don't forget to give God the glory for your healing with praise and thanksgiving!



Psalm 30

¹¹ You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
¹² that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

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