

Prayers for Others:

Let us pray. From deep within our being we call upon you, O God, for through you all can be made whole. Hear us as we raise to heaven our concerns for the people of earth.

We pray for those who cry out in physical pain or who suffer silently and who long for the healing human hands alone cannot offer...

We pray for those who suffer mental anguish, who worry, feel anxiety, or fear the future, who at night cry, 'I wish to God it were morning' and in the morning cry, 'I wish to God it were night'...

We pray for those who mourn, who grieve the loss of love or a loved one, and for those who see (in themselves or in others) a loss of ability or agility, a loss of choice or independence, or a dimming of the light...

We pray for those who are near death or fear death, and for those known to us who have made the journey from life to greater life...

We pray for communities in which people deal with disaster or terror, hunger or poverty, not knowing how or when their misery will end...

In silence, we remember those who are victimized because of their race, background or history, because of their gender or sexuality, because they are different, and for all who are abused, abandoned or degraded...

And remembering others in our minds whose deepest needs may be known to God alone, we commend to the affirming and restoring grace of God.

Loving Jesus, your hands are strong to hold and heal, to wipe away tears and protect in times of danger. Protect all those who care for our safety and bless all those who continue your holy work of healing in surgeries, hospitals, hospices, in counselling rooms and around kitchen tables. We ask these things for the good of your world and in your strong name.
Amen.

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