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For Caregivers

Non-faith specific

May your hands be blessed and may they receive as much as they give. Amen

Loving One, my loved one lies ill.

I do not know what the outcome will be.

I am afraid – that I might lose my beloved, that the pain will be more than can be born, that I am not adequate for the task of being a witness to suffering.

I feel alone and lonely. My loved one cannot speak, and my voice is weary with the woes of love and caring.

I turn to you, Loving One, for You alone are my true north, my true compass.

Help me to find hope again and, in doing so, help me to rest my own soul in Your love.

Let me feel your comforting presence surround me with Your quiet, Your calm, Your assurance. And, in knowing the peace and calm that come with understanding that You are always with me, help me to return to the bedside of my beloved, refreshed and confident, hopeful that just as I know your love, I may bring that love to my beloved. Amen



For Staff

Non-faith specific

A ‘Sun Prayer’*

I pray that whatever suffering there is in peoples’ lives that I can remove completely and permanently that I will do I pray I will now, this instant, fulfill that task perfectly and that whatever suffering I can’t remove completely and permanently, I will now at least remove temporarily and I pray that whatever suffering I can’t remove temporarily I will now at least lessen greatly, by half or more and that whatever suffering I can’t lessen

greatly, by half or more I will now at least lessen even slightly and that whatever suffering there is anywhere in peoples' lives that I can't now at least lessen even slightly I pray I will remember and keep that in mind and work and study and continue trying to find ways that will benefit immediately, in this time, and in the future forever. Amen

* [called so because it is a prayer to be as constant, joyful and diligent as the sun (adapted by Jason Espada)]

Give us healing hands—

gentle and strong—

and make us ever mindful of the needs of others and ourselves.

Amen

Danos manos que curan—

tiernas y fuertes—

y haznos conscientes de lo que necesitan los demás y de lo que necesitamos nosotros.

Amen

Christian

Merciful God,

your healing power is everywhere about us.

Strengthen those who work among the sick;

give them courage and confidence in everything they do.

Encourage them when their efforts seem futile

or when death prevails.

Increase their trust in your power

even to overcome death and pain and crying.

May they be thankful for every sight of health you give,

and humble before the mystery of your healing grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Book of Common Worship, Pastoral Edition, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), p. 285

God of compassion,

Who in Jesus Christ healed the sick,

Bless all who continue your work of healing.

Enhance their skills, and deepen their understanding,

That through their ministry

Those who suffer may be restored to fullness of health, for the sake of Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Book of Common Worship, Pastoral Edition, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), p. 285

Buddhist

May I be a guard for those who need protection

A guide for those on the path

A boat, a raft, a bridge for those who wish to cross the flood

May I be a lamp in the darkness

A resting place for the weary

A healing medicine for all who are sick

A vase of plenty, a tree of miracles

And for the boundless multitudes of living beings

May I bring sustenance and awakening

Enduring like the earth and sky

Until all beings are freed from sorrow

And all are awakened.

Shantideva, 6th century Buddhist Sage

