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Healing

Buddhist

O Healing Buddha,

Complete in All Qualities and Gone Beyond,

and you, the four medicinal goddesses,

please pacify immediately

the illnesses that afflict me now,

and help me to avoid all future sickness

[and please pacify immediately

the illnesses that afflict the ones we pray for now,

and help them to avoid all future sickness].

From The Healing Buddha', translated by Lama Zopa Rinpoche

A “Thorough Going Prayer”: (adapted by Jason Espada)

However much suffering there has been in our lives in the past

and however much latent potency there is still in our lives

to cause suffering in the future and however extensive the causes and conditions have been, are now, or can be in the future to produce suffering I pray,

May it all be healed now

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By doing good, meditation/reflection, and wisdom,

may it all be healed

By prayer and mantra,

may it all be healed

By kindness and all the sources of virtue,

may it all be healed



Christian

Lord Jesus, we come to you right now in a time of tremendous need. You know *N*'s life. Their strengths, their weaknesses – the journey that has led them to this hospital bed. We know dear Lord, that you are the ultimate Physician and we place our total trust in you. Send your Holy Spirit to touch *N*. May s/he feel your presence in this time of uncertainty and fear. Help to lessen the pain, God. Let healing take place on every level. Bless *N*'s family as they accompany their loved one. Grant them peace and strength. All this we pray in the name of Jesus, our brother and Savior. Amen

Faithful Healer of the sick,

in your loving mercy,

embrace *N* in *her/his* time of need.

Guide the nurses, doctors

and others who attend *her/him*.

Use their skills

to restore *N* to health and joy

for the service of Christ our Savior. Amen

The Book of Common Worship, Pastoral Edition, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), p. 284

O Lord, your compassions never fail and your mercies are new every morning: We give you thanks for giving our brother (sister) *N* both relief from pain and hope of health renewed. Continue in him, we pray, the good work you have begun; that he, daily increasing in bodily strength, and rejoicing in your goodness, may so order his life and conduct that he may always think and to those things that please you/ through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (*The Book of Common Prayer, The Episcopal Church, p. 460*)

Mighty and merciful God,
you sent Jesus Christ to heal broken lives.
We praise you that today
you send healing in doctors and nurses,
and bless us with technology in medicine.
We claim your promises of wholeness
as we pray for those who are ill in body or mind,
who long for your healing touch.
Make the weak strong,
the sick healthy,
the broken whole,
and confirm those who serve them
as agents of your love.
Then all shall be renewed in vigor
to point to the risen Christ,
who conquered death
that we might live eternally. Amen

The Book of Common Worship, Daily Prayer, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), p.448

By your power, great God,
our Lord Jesus healed the sick
and gave new hope to the hopeless.
Though we cannot command or possess your power,
we pray for those who want to be healed
(especially for M).

Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows,
and make broken people whole again.
Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that,
though death is against us,
you are for us,
and have promised renewed and risen life
in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

The Book of Common Worship, Pastoral Edition, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), p.283



Jewish

Av Harachamim, G-d of mercy, we call out to you from a narrow place,
our hearts heavy with pain and fear.

Adonai, you are *mikor hahayim*, the source of all life.

As Moses cried out for his sister Miriam when she was afflicted,
we call out to you in his words:

Ana el na rifa na la.

Please, G-d, please bring healing to *N* a full healing of body and spirit.

Source of wisdom, we ask you to bless the doctors and the nurses,
and all of those who partner with you in caring for *N*.

Please, G-d, bless us with strength and compassion.

As it is written in the psalms:

You are the healer of the broken hearted.

Blessed are you, *Adonai*, who accompanies us through our most difficult and our most joyous moments, and we say: Amen

Heal my pain, faithful God for you excel at the art of healing.

You are my guide, look at my weakness and give strength to my soul.

Rabbi Rafael Deri, 19th century, Morocco



Muslim

'As'alullaahal-'Adheema Rabbal-'Arshil-'Adheemi 'an yashfiyaka

I ask Almighty Allah, Lord of the Magnificent Throne, to make you well.

(Recite seven times in Arabic)

Prophet Muhammad

When you feel a pain in your body, put your hand on the place where you feel pain and say: *Bismillaah*. With the Name of Allah (three times). Then say: *'A'oothu billaahi wa qudratihi min sharri maa 'ajidu wa 'uhaathiru*. I seek refuge in Allah and in His Power from the evil of what I find and of what I guard against.

Prophet Muhammad

Beloved Lord, Almighty God!
Through the rays of the Sun,
Through the waves of the air,
Through the all-pervading Life in space,
Purify and revivify me, and I pray,
Heal my body, heart, and soul.

Hazrat Inayat Khan



Roman Catholic

God of all creation, you who spoke a simple command and brought forth light from the darkness, I call upon you now to send forth your miracle-working power into every aspect of my being. In the same way that you spoke unto the dust of the ground when

you created humankind in your own image, I ask you to send forth your healing power into my body. Send forth your word and command every cell, electrical and chemical impulse, tissue, joint, ligament, organ, gland, muscle, bone and every molecule in my body to come under complete and perfect health, strength, alignment, balance and harmony.

It is through you that I live and move and have my being. With every breath I take, I live under your life-giving grace. I ask you to touch me now with the same miracle-working power that you used when you fashioned me inside my mother's womb. As surely as you have created me in your image and likeness, you can also recreate me now and restore me to health.

Please fill me with your healing power. Cast out all that should not be inside of me. I ask you to mend all that is broken, root out every sickness and disease, open all blocked arteries and veins, restore my internal organs, rebuild my damaged tissues, remove all inflammation and cleanse me of all infections, viruses and destructive forms of bacteria.

Let the warmth of your healing love flood my entire being, so that my body will function the way it was created to be, whole and complete, renewed in your perfect health. I ask this through my Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

