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In Preparation for Surgery

Non-faith specific

As I prepare myself for surgery, O Loving One, remind me with each breath I take that You are with me. Your Spirit covers me with sustaining love. As I am taken into surgery, let my thoughts and my breath focus calmly and lovingly upon You. Help my mind focus upon Your loving presence with me, for through You I know all will be well with my soul. Amen



Christian

God, I cannot do this alone. I cannot see my way through this alone. I come to You now, in my prayer, in my fear, in my true desire to be restored to health. I love and pray for my life, O God, and I pray that I may return to my family, my friends and my community. Though it may seem small to others, I truly love my life. I love to be active, to enjoy being together with friends, to share simple laughter with others. I pray that I can return to that life, for it is mine as a gift from You. In laughter, in tears, in sharing and caring You have always been present with me. Now, as I face this challenge I ask for Your comfort. Remind me of Your presence. I ask for Your Holy Spirit to abide with me. Come, cover me with your Spirit and protect me with your love. I am Yours, as You are mine. Amen

My fear is great, O God, but my hope is large. If I trusted just in my fractured faith alone, I would never hope to continue. But I trust in you, in your promise that if I call on your name you are present with me. I do that now, O God. Help me, help me lean on your love. Help me let my fears and my anxieties and all that frightens me be set free by your love for me. Help me focus my thoughts on you, and you alone. Help me open myself up to your peace. Let me feel your peace covering me with calm and the assurance that you are with me. Keep my name in your holy spirit, for I keep your name upon my lips and in my soul. Amen

Almighty God our heavenly Father, graciously comfort your servant N. in his/her suffering, and bless the means made use of for his/her cure. Fill his/her heart with

confidence that, though at times s/he may be afraid, s/he yet may put hi/hers trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen T

The Book of Common Prayer, The Episcopal Church, p.459

Strengthen your servant N., O God, to do what s/he has to do and bear what s/he has to bear; that, accepting your healing gifts through the skill of surgeons and nurses, s/he may be restored to usefulness in your world with a thankful heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Muslim (for adult)

In the Name of Allah the Most Merciful the Most Kind

Ya Arhama Rahimeen, Ya Samee'un Ya 'Aleem. The everlasting Source of Mercy, the One who hears His Servants before even calling out to Him. We implore you Ya Allah to protect *N* during this surgery. *Ya Rabb*, guide the surgeon's hands so that s/he may do Your Will; that they may be guided by You. Guide the hands of the doctors and the nurses so that they may be instruments of Your Mercy upon *N*. Illuminate the operating room, with light upon light, command Your angels to be present and to send their salaam (greetings of peace) upon *N* until they awake. Hold in Your Hands the body and soul of *N*, return (her/his) spirit to (his/her) body, and grant (her/his) family patience until (s/he) awakes. *Ya Rabbal-Alameen. Ameen*



Roman Catholic

God of compassion,

Our human weakness lays claim to your strength. We pray that through the skills of surgeons and nurses your healing gifts may be granted to *N*. May your son/daughter respond to your healing and be reunited with us at your altar of praise. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum. p.148

