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Prayers for those with a serious illness

Loving God, you companion us in all of our life journeys. We ask for the powerful strength of your Spirit with us at this time as we accompany [Name of person] in his/her serious illness. Give us, we pray, the courage to face our own fears so we may be your voice and hands to comfort to him/her them in their pain and uncertainty. Give us, we pray, the certainty of faith so we can support each other and reach out in love and hope and peace to [N] and truly believe that however the future unfolds, the Spirit of Jesus, your Son and our brother, walks with us always and will comfort us. Amen.

OR

Loving God, you gave strength and courage to your Son Jesus on his journey to the Cross. We put before you today [N], who is bearing their own cross of suffering as they face serious illness. May they, like Jesus, feel the closeness of your presence with them in their illness. We ask that the Spirit of Jesus be a source of courage and strength to their families and all who walk this journey with them. May we be your voice, your touch, your consoling presence. And may our faith in your promises sustain us and bring us all one day into your kingdom of justice and peace where you reign with Jesus and the Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OR

Loving God, source and destiny of all life, we ask for your gentle and comforting presence with [N] as he/she struggles with illness. Give them, we pray, the courage and hope of faith in your promises. Be near to their family in their fear and confusion and sorrow. May we, who walk this journey with them, be a source of strength and endurance as they wait, in hope, for the healing Spirit of Jesus, your son, to comfort them and bring them peace.

Prayers of Intercession

Use or adapt the following, or devise your own

Leader: Let us put before God, source and destiny of all life, our prayers and concerns for [N] in their time of illness and pain; and ourselves, who walk this journey with them:

1. We pray for courage in the face of the serious illness of our friend [N]. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for healing of spirit and the consolation of faith in God's promises. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray for the hope that faith in Jesus brings. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for the Spirit of Consolation for their families in their worries and confusion. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for perseverance, patience and the healing power of love. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

6. We pray for the faith to believe Jesus goes before us always, even when death is at our side. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

7. We pray for [N] and their family. Be a source of strength, courage and peace and continue to hold them in the palm of your hand. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

8. We pray in thanksgiving for those who are caring for [N]. May they be reassured of our gratitude for their love, care and dedication. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

9. We pray for ourselves that we can offer [N] our support, care and prayer. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

10. We pray for those in the medical profession. We thank them for their dedication, compassion and care. Bless them as they continue to share their skills and expertise, especially in their care of [N]. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Conclusion to the Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Loving God, we ask that you hear our prayers for [N]. Be our source of courage and hope and may our faith in Jesus sustain us and bring us all to life with you forever. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.