

## Bexley Team Ministry

# Prayers with those who are sick

It may not always be possible for the clergy to visit those in need in times of suffering. In such circumstances these prayers may be used among family members with a sick person present. If the person is dying, supplementary prayers may be found at the end.

Responses are given in italics, they may be omitted if those present are too unwell to respond:

**In the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

*Amen*

**Peace be with this place and all present here.**

*And also with you*

**Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful. Your anointed Son brought healing to those in weakness and distress; He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death that we might become partakers of His glory.**

**Remember in Your mercy all for whom we pray; in the fullness of time complete your gracious work that we may be restored in Your image, renewed in Your love, and for ever praise Your great and holy name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Amen***

**Let us call to mind those times when we have been in need of God's Forgiveness.**

A time of silence may be kept.

**Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:**

**Lord, have mercy**

*Lord, have mercy*

**Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:**

**Christ, have mercy**

*Christ have mercy*

**Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:**

**Lord, have mercy**

*Lord, have mercy*

**May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us, and bring us to everlasting life. *Amen.***

Readings: At this point one or more Biblical readings may be given. Suitable readings might include:

- Psalm 23 - The Lord is My Shepherd
- Psalm 130 - De Profundis
- Mark 2:1-12 - The healing of the paralysed man.
- Revelation 21: 1-7 - The Promise of a new Heaven and a new Earth.
- Matthew 11: 28-30:  
“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**For the Word of the Lord**

*Thanks be to God*

General Prayers: You may pray out loud as you feel led, keep silence together, or use a form such as the one below:

**Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we make our prayer to You saying, Lord, hear us. *Lord, graciously hear us.***

**Grant to [N and] all who seek You the assurance of Your presence, Your power and Your peace, Lord, hear us. *Lord, graciously hear us.***

**Grant your healing grace to [N and] all who are sick, that they may be made whole in body, mind and spirit. Lord, hear us. *Lord, graciously hear us.***

**Grant to all who minister to the suffering wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience. Lord, hear us. *Lord, graciously hear us.***

**Sustain and support the anxious and fearful and lift up all who are brought low. Lord, hear us. *Lord, graciously hear us.***

**Hear us, Lord of life. *Heal us, and make us whole.***

A period of silence may follow.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of Your people; in the multitude of Your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to You for help; For You are gracious, O lover of souls, and to You we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*Amen*

The Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, in Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.*

May God, the holy and undivided Trinity  
Preserve us in body, mind and spirit,  
And bring us safe to that heavenly country  
Where peace and harmony reign;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among us and remain with us always.     *Amen*

## Additional prayers for the dying

These may be included in the previous material:

Additional introductory prayer:

**Eternal God, grant to Your servant Your peace beyond understanding.  
Give us faith, the comfort of your presence and the words to say to one another and to You as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen***

Reading: Luke 2: 29 - Nunc Dimittis:

**Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.**

Commendation: (To be used after the Lord's Prayer)

**N go forth from this world:  
In the love of God the Father who created you,  
In the mercy of Jesus Christ who redeemed you,  
In the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you.  
May the heavenly host sustain you.  
And the company of Heaven enfold you.  
In communion with all the faithful,  
May you dwell this day in peace.**

*Amen*

**Gracious God,  
Nothing in death or life,  
Nothing in the World as it is,  
Nothing in the World as it shall be,  
Nothing in all creation  
Can separate us from Your love.  
Jesus commended His spirit into Your hands at His last hour.  
Into those same hands we now commend your servant N,  
That dying to the World and cleansed from sin,  
Death may be for him/her the gate to life  
And to eternal fellowship with You;  
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Amen*