Hi friends, today’s prayer theme is:

**Healing**

*Good morning friends, I’ve heard from so many over the last couple of weeks about illnesses and sickness that you were suffering or someone who is close to you has been suffering. We have just been praying for you and one another. We received notes from many of you who have been praying for us and praying for the staff that we stay well. So, I thought we should pray this morning for healing. Fortunately, we have a God who loves to heal us, loves us, loves it when we ask for healing from sickness, or diseases, or illnesses, or whatever it is that we need healing for in our lives. Emotional Healing, physical healing, and spiritual healing. We know that Jesus was always going about healing those around him. With all that is going on in our world, we sure could use healing in our world, couldn’t we and in our own personal lives.?*

*So, we will seek the master healer this morning for just that. One thing that I have learned about healing is that we don’t get to control the outcomes from our prayers for healing. Sometimes I have experience healing that happens right away and at other times I experience healing that happens over time. At other times I receive grace to simply be where I am. To find meaning there and learn lessons there. I have learned why we don’t have control over outcomes, we are asked to pray!*

 *I remember praying for a man once that I met who had chronic pain in his leg. When we were done praying for his healing. He said, my pain is gone. I can move my leg without it hurting. There were other times where I had terrible pain in my right shoulder for months. I had seen my doctor and I knew it was from a torn rotator cuff but, the pain medicine wasn’t working, and I couldn’t consider surgery until I finished school so, I asked God for help. I just kept praying for healing every day. And one day after many weeks passed. I realized that God had answered my prayer and the pain was gone. It happened along the way. I want to say that praying for healing doesn’t take the place of good medical care, because God uses medical professions to bring us healing as well. Healing comes from a lot of different places with God so, I do both. I seek out my doctors for healing and I seek out God. They are a great combination and not mutually exclusive. So today we will pray for healing to flow in our lives.*

 *You may want to light a candle and get your bible. I have chosen three passages of scripture to guide us in our prayer this morning.*

**The first is:**

*James 5: 14* -15 "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven." ~ [**James 5:14-15**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=jas+5:14-15)

**The second is:**

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness." ~ [**Matthew 9:35**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=mt+9:35)

**The third is:**

Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise." ~ [**Jeremiah 17:14**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=jer+17:14)

**The fourth is:**

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." ~ [**Psalms 147:3**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=ps+147:3)

*What I love about these passages are that they remind us that we have a healer in God and in Jesus. Sometimes the healing that we receive is a sufficient amount of grace to endure as when Paul prayed for healing and God said, my grace is sufficient for you. At other times, we receive healing of our hearts that have been broken, our minds and our physical bodies. We are encouraged to take everything in prayer. That is exactly what we will do this morning, as we invite God to bring us the healing we need in our life. Now when I pray, I anoint myself with oil and offer the prayer below for the oil I am going to use. At other times I just pray without anointing oil. So, if you have some olive oil, you can use that. Here is a quick prayer to bless it if you like.*

***“God bless this oil and transform it as oil of healing and oil of gladness as we pray and experience your healing presence with us.*** *“*

*So, thank you for joining me this morning to pray for healing.*

*So, for those of you who have joined me via livestream, as we begin to pray you can repeat this prayer with me; or you can simply bow your head and let it wash over you. You can do whatever works for you. If you would like a copy of this prayer go to* [*www.spirituschristi.org/prayer*](http://www.spirituschristi.org/prayer)*. Let us pray!*

**Prayer:** *God again this morning as you instructed us to, we come boldly and with confidence before your throne of grace, drawing near to it, that we may receive mercy and find grace for help in the time of need, and in the time of trouble. We need your help for healing in our lives. James said, we should pray for one another in faith for healing in our lives. And that the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well. So, we come to you in faith, believing that you are our healer and that you are able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above anything we could ever think or ask. Thank you for being willing and able to do more for us out of your generosity.*

 *So, thank you for raising us up and forgiving us. If we have sinned against you or others and need healing from that. Jesus thank you for always traveling through villages and towns and healing every sickness and disease as you preached the Good news and taught. We want you to know that our hearts are open to your teaching and your good news and healing for us. So, thank you for stopping by in our homes, our city, and our world to bring healing.*

*Thank you, God, for the words of Jeremiah, that we recite this morning. “*Heal us, O Lord, and I will be healed; save us and I will be saved, for you are the one we praise."

So, this morning we offer praise to you for what you are getting ready to do.

And finally thank you for the psalmist who reminds us that you are a healer of the brokenhearted and you are the one who binds up our wounds. So, we invite you into all the places in our hearts that are broken. We ask you to heal them! We invite you into all the places in our lives that are wounded. We ask you to bind up our wounds and bring healing to them too so we might bring healing to others and not spread the infection of those wounds. So, we need you God to be our healer!

*You gave Isaiah in 57: 18 a message of healing for Israel that was so beautiful. You said that Isaiah should tell them.*

**"I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel’s mourners, creating praise on their lips. Peace, peace, to those far and near,” says the LORD. “And I will heal them.” ~**[**Isaiah 57:18-19**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=isa+57:18-19)

**We ask for that same healing, guidance, restoration of comfort for our mourning. Create the same praise on our lips God, give us the peace that comes with the healing that you give. Heal us of our illness, heal our spirits, heal our hearts, heal our minds, heal our lives as only you know how to do.**

**God, we need you, we need you every day, every hour, every minute, every second of the day. Have mercy on us and let your healing power flow into us right now in the name of Jesus! You created us. You know every intimate part of us. You are our great physician! Beside you there is no other who can heal us like you can.**

The psalmist in 107: 19-21 said,

 **"Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and God saved them from their distress. God sent out his word and healed them; God rescued them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the LORD for God’s unfailing love and God’s wonderful deeds for mankind."**

God some of what we are facing has put us in distress. It’s serious, it requires that you rescue us from the grave. It requires you see the trouble we are in and save us from our distress by sending out a word of healing from your very self so that we might be healed by your presence. God, we call on you for help and healing. Thank you for your word of healing you are sending right now. Send it to us! We give you thanks for that and your unfailing love that you are showing us during our time of need.

For those of us who are facing surgery, we ask that you take us into surgery and bring us out, wrapped in the safety of your arms and let the healing begin.

Let your healing power wash over our infirmities, our sickness, our illnesses, and our diseases in this moment.

God sometimes we need healing from being fatigued, weary, and being burdened. We invite you to come to us to heal us with emotional rest for our souls. We invite you to lift us. To lift our burdens that we are carrying. To bring healing into our emotions, our mental wellness, our physical bodies.

In Mathew 11: 28 you said,

**"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, 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."**

God, give us the healing and rest in this passage of scripture. Lighten our burdens. Take them, carry them for us. God a part of the healing that we need is the joy and a cheerful heart that you give us.

You said, in proverbs 17: 22

**"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."**

So, God give us a cheerful heart, make us laugh more. Help us become light-hearted, more joyful and let it be good medicine to us and health to our bones. Un-crush our spirits God if they are crushed. Revive us! God, breathe new life into us! Let our spiritual healing begin.

We want you to know that we long for you, we need you to be our healing and strength every morning. But especially this morning.

**James 5;6 tells us that another way to receive healing is to** confess our sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. He tells us that the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

So, help us to search our hearts, our minds, our lives and to confess to each other, to acknowledge our mistakes with each other, with those in our lives who need to know that we are sorry for the part we played in their hurt. As we bring healing to them through confession, let that healing come to us as well. So, thank you for the opportunity to be honest and pray for each other so that we might all be healed.

Finally, God, we pray for healing throughout our land. From the Coronavirus, from inequity, from oppression, and from injustice. In

 [**2 Chronicles 7:14-15**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=2ch+7:14-15) **says this,**

 **"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place." ~**

God that is so beautiful! So, we ask you to be attentive to the prayers we offer for our land and our world. We humble ourselves before you and we seek your face God and we turn from the ways of the world that cause hurt and oppression. We ask you to hear from heaven our plea for our world, forgive us and heal our land.

To Jeremiah 33: 6 you said, that you would heal your people and they would enjoy abundant peace and security. God bring us that healing, that abundant peace, that security, and that health.

Jesus when you called on twelve of your disciples and in Mathew 10: 1-8 it says, **you gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness…Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give,** you told them." ~

In Philippians 4:19 we are reminded that our God will meet all of our needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. So, we thank you God for meeting all of our needs of healing this morning.

*We say with confidence, the Lord is my helper!*

*So, God we thank you for giving us healing today. We say goodbye to fear of sickness and disease and hello to your power to heal us, to work through us! So, we believe that healing has come to our house, our city and our world. So, thank you! In Jesus name we pray and receive your blessing of healing in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen!*

***Repeat after me:*** *I say with confidence today that the Lord is my helper and my healer. God is with me. Nothing is impossible with God. Because of that confidence, I am healed whether in this moment or along the journey with God that has begun my healing! That is where I will live today!*