



## ***Worship Resources and Prayers*** ***Times of Public Health Concerns***

Additional worship and prayer resources are available in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Pastoral Care* at [www.sundaysandseasons.com](http://www.sundaysandseasons.com) or in print at [www.augsburgfortress.org](http://www.augsburgfortress.org).

A service for healing is found in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, pew edition page 276 and Leaders Edition page 660.

### **Healing and wholeness**

Psalm 27: The LORD is my light and salvation  
Psalm 91: The shelter of the Most High  
Psalm 121: I lift up my eyes to the hills  
Lamentations 3:22-26: The steadfast love of the LORD  
Matthew 8:14-17 : Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law  
Matthew 11:28-30 : I will give you rest  
John 10:11-18 : I am the good shepherd

God of compassion, your Son Jesus Christ, the great physician, made the broken whole and healed the sick. Touch our wounds, relieve our hurts, and restore to us wholeness of life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### **One who is sick**

Psalm 27: The LORD is my light and salvation  
Psalm 42:1-3: My soul thirsts for the living God  
Psalm 121: I lift up my eyes to the hills  
Isaiah 41:9b-10: Fear not, I am with you  
Matthew 4:23-24: The crowds bring the sick to Jesus  
Matthew 15:29-31: Jesus heals many who are sick  
Romans 8:31-35, 37-39: Who will separate us from the love of Christ?  
1 Peter 5:6-9: Cast your anxieties on God

O God of power and love, be present with *name*, that *her/his* weakness may be overcome and *her/his* strength restored; and that, *her/his* health being renewed, *she/he* may bless your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: comfort and relieve your servant *name*, and let your healing be known through those who minister to *her/his* needs, that *she/he* may be strengthened in this time of trial and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Recovery from sickness**

Psalm 28:6-9: The LORD is my strength and shield  
Psalm 30: Weeping spends the night, joy comes in the morning  
Psalm 103:1-13: The LORD is merciful and gracious  
Psalm 116:5-9: I was brought low, the LORD saved me  
Luke 7:18b-22: The Messiah comes and heals  
Luke 8:35-39: Jesus heals a Gerasene man  
1 Peter 1:3-9: Born anew to a living hope

Almighty and merciful God, you are the only source of health and healing; you alone can bring calmness and peace. Grant to us, your children, an awareness of your presence and a strong confidence in you. In our pain, our weariness, and our anxiety, surround us with your care, protect us by your loving might, and permit us once more to enjoy health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

## **Thanksgiving for caregivers**

Psalm 103:1-5: Bless the LORD, who heals us  
Matthew 25:34-40: Caring for the least  
Luke 10:25-37: The good Samaritan  
1 Corinthians 12:24b-27: You are the body of Christ  
1 Peter 4:8-10: Use your gifts to serve one another

Holy and compassionate God, you send to us in our need those who care for us and look out for our lives. Bless them in their love for us. Bless the hands of those who work for our health. Bless the minds of those who search for our healing. Bless the feet of those who come to us in our need. Bless the eyes of those who look after us. Bless the hearts of all who serve; fill them with compassion and patience; and work through all of them for the betterment and well-being of all your children, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Time of crisis**

Psalm 42:1-3: My soul thirsts for the living God  
Psalm 46: God is our refuge and strength  
Psalm 77: Seek the LORD in the day of trouble  
Psalm 91: The shelter of the Most High  
Ephesians 2:13-22 Christ is our peace

We pray to you almighty God, in this time of \_\_\_\_\_. You are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Do not let us fail in the face of these events. Uphold us with your love, and give us the strength we need. Help us in our confusion, and guide our actions. Heal the hurt, console the bereaved and afflicted, protect the innocent and helpless, and deliver any who are still in peril; for the sake of your great mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord