



A service of prayers for healing Iona Abbey 5th May 2020

Prayers of approach

We gather in your presence, God,
in our need,
and bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,
and you know by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts;
we come with our hopes and with our fears

We come as we are, because you have invited us;
and you have promised never to turn us away.

Loving God,
you gather us here tonight,
here, where many have come before us
seeking your healing, strength and love.

You know us, God:
you understand who we are,
you know what troubles and puzzles us,
what makes us smile and what makes us sad.
You listen to our questions and our prayers.

You know the people we love, God,
and the people we struggle with.
Sometimes we hurt others;
sometimes we hurt ourselves.

So, we bring our own hurt
asking for healing;
and we bring the hurt we have caused others
asking for forgiveness.

Listen to the words of Jesus,
words that we can trust:

'Don't be afraid.'

'I love you.'

'Your sins are forgiven.'

'I will be with you always.'

**Write these words in our hearts, loving God,
let them take root in our living.
Amen.**

Reading: Luke 13: 10-13

**For the word of God in scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,
thanks be to God.**

Prayers for healing

The names of all for whom prayer has been requested in the past week are placed before us.

Jesus,
people came to you when they were in trouble or pain.
Friends carried them,
strangers told you about them;
some invited you into their homes
or met you walking on the road.

You listened to them,
you prayed with them
and you brought hope and healing into their lives.

So tonight we bring into our minds
and hold in God's presence
those for whom we have been asked to pray.

Jesus,
you welcomed children and blessed them;

you gave their parents courage and hope.

Jesus, through your words and touch
those who were distressed found peace,
and those who were tormented found rest.

You prayed for those who were sick
and you restored them to health.

You wept for the city you loved.

In your words and actions,
the oppressed found justice
and the angry found release.

Jesus, you knew the joy of God's presence day by day.

You cried when a friend died,
and you shared the grief of those who mourn.

You taught us to pray.
So, in a moment of silence
we pray for all known to us
who tonight need to know you are near.

We thank you,
for all engaged in the ministries of healing and reconciliation,
for those who work in hospitals and hospices,
for doctors and district nurses,
for carers and counsellors,
for peacemakers and peacekeepers.

God our maker,
Jesus our healer,
Holy Spirit of love and life,
hear our prayers.
To those who seek you,
to all who need you,
to the world you cherish
bring healing,
bring wholeness,
bring peace.

Amen.

God our Maker,
you call us to be your presence in the world.
Here, through our hands and prayers,
bring healing, hope and peace.

Amen.

Spirit of the living God
present with us now,
enfold us, body, mind and spirit,
and heal us of all that harms us,
in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Closing prayers

Watch now, dear Lord,
with those who wake or watch or weep tonight;
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

**Tend your sick ones, O Christ,
rest your weary ones,
bless your dying ones,
soothe your suffering ones,
shield your joyous ones,
and all for your love's sake.**

God to enfold us,
God to surround us.
God in our sleeping,
God in our waking.
God in our watching,
God in our hoping.
God on our lips,
God in our lives.

Bless to us O God
the stars that are above us,
the earth that is beneath us,
your image deep within us,
the rest that is before us.

Amen

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