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P R A Y E R T E X T S

James 5: 14 - 16

Psalms 50: 15

Hebrews 2: 10; 4: 16

Luke 18: 1

Luke 11: 9

Matthew 6: 8

Mark 6: 13

Mark 16: 17

Acts 3: 16

Romans 8: 26

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

"Lord, Thou knowest every secret of the soul. Thou art acquainted with this (these) person (s); for Jesus, their advocate, gave His life for them. He loves her (them) better than we possibly can. If, therefore, it is for Thy glory and the good of the (se) afflicted one(s) to raise her (them) up to health, we ask thee in the name of Jesus, that health may be given her (them) at this time." CH 375.

"Lord, Thou knowest every secret of the soul. Thou art acquainted with these persons. Jesus, their advocate, gave His life for them. His love for them is greater than ours can possibly be. If, therefore, it is for Thy glory and the good of the afflicted one(s), we ask, in the name of Jesus, that they may be restored to health. If it be not Thy will that they be restored, we ask that Thy grace may comfort and Thy presence sustain them in their sufferings." GW 217-218.

"God knows the end from the beginning. He is acquainted with the hearts of all men. He reads every secret of the soul. He knows whether those for whom prayer is offered would or would not be able to endure the trials that would come upon them should they live. He knows whether their lives would be a blessing or a curse to themselves and to the world." MH 230.

"Nevertheless not my will, but Thine, be done." Luke 22:42.

"When we have prayed for the recovery of the sick, whatever the outcome of the case, let us not lose faith in God. If we are called upon to meet bereavement, let us accept the bitter cup, remembering that a Father's hand holds it to our lips. But should health be restored, it should not be forgotten that the recipient of healing mercy is placed under the renewed obligation to the Creator. When the ten lepers were cleansed, only one returned to find Jesus and give Him glory. Let none of us be like the unthinking nine, whose hearts were untouched by the mercy of God." GW 221.

"We all desire immediate and direct answers to our prayers, and we are tempted to become discouraged when the answer is delayed or comes in an unlooked-for form. But God is too wise and good to answer our prayers always at just the time and in just the manner we desire. He will do more and better for us than to accomplish all our wishes. And because we can trust His wisdom and love, we should not ask Him to concede to our will, but should seek to enter into and accomplish His purpose. Our desires and interests should be lost in His will." GW 219.

"Where we have prayed for the recovery of the sick, we can work with more energy. Thanking God that we have the privilege of cooperating with Him, and asking His blessing on the means which He Himself has provided." GW 220.

"In praying for the sick, we are to pray that, if it is God's will, they may be raised to health; but if not, that He will give them His grace to comfort, His presence to sustain them in this suffering." CH 376.

"Pray that we might enter into and accomplish His purpose, and that our desires and interests might be lost in His. We should acknowledge our acceptance of His will, not praying Him to concede to ours. It is better for us that God does not always answer our prayers just when we desire, and in the manner we wish. He will do more and better for us than to accomplish all our wishes; for our wisdom is folly." CH 378.

"Pray without 'feverish anxiety, in perfect confidence, trusting all to Him'." CH 379.

"He knows our heart, for He reads every secret of the soul. He knows whether or not those for whom petitions are offered would be able to endure trial and test that would come upon them if they lived. He knows the end from the beginning. Many will be laid away to sleep before the fiery ordeal of the time of trouble shall come upon the world." CH 375.

"It is heartwork that the Lord requires, good works springing from the heart filled with love. All should carefully and prayerfully. . . investigate their motives and actions. The promise of God to us is on condition of obedience, compliance with all His requirements. Read Isa. 58: 1 - 3"
CH 377

"All that can be done in praying for the sick is to earnestly importune God in their behalf, and in perfect confidence rest the matter in His hands." CH 378.

"If the professed followers of Christ would, with purity of heart, exercise as much faith in the promises of God as they repose in satanic agencies, they would realise, in soul and body, the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit." CH 457.

"Commit our desires to our all-wise heavenly Father, and then, in perfect confidence, trust all to Him. We know that God hears us if we ask according to His will. But to press our petitions without a submissive spirit is not right; our prayers must take the form, not of a command, but of intercession." GW 218.

"Bind ourselves upon the altar with the strong cords of faith and love, and let patience have her perfect work. Faith strengthens through continued exercise." CH 381.

DIRECTIVES FOR ANSWERED PRAYER

When perplexed if special prayer should be offered, let two or three who are accustomed to pray unite together in asking the Lord to let His light shine upon them, and to impart His special grace. Must not be handled carelessly.
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Trust in the Lord. MM 16.

Ask in faith. MM 16.

Not to be done for every little ailment. MH 16.

Must not regard iniquity in heart. MH 227.

Must render full, whole-hearted obedience. MH 227.

Place afflicted one in most favorable condition for recovery. MH 232.

Purity of heart. 5T 196.

Exercise as much faith in the promises of God as in satanic agencies.

Put away bigoted, self-sufficient, contemptuous ideas about the laws of health and life. 5T 197.

Cease to worship at the shrine of perverted appetite. 5T 197.

Shun profane and vain babblings and witchcraft who promise healing. 5T 197.

Have no needless intimacies with those who have no respect for God. 5T 198.

Do not fear to offend worldly friends who want to deter us to the devil's healers. 5T 198.

Keep close to the word of God. 5T 198.

Test every faith healer by Isa. 8:20. 5T 199.

Remember that vows and promises made to God, if health is restored, are recorded by angels. 2T 273.

Faith must be true and sincere, resting on word of God alone, not uncertain and changeable, depending on circumstances. OW 219.

Not neglect to employ nature's agencies for the restoration of health. OW 219.

Employ every facility for the restoration of health.

Work in harmony with natural laws. OW 220.

Let not pride, or self-esteem, or self-righteousness keep anyone from confessing his sins. FE 239.

Keep nothing back from God. FE 239.

Neglect not the confession of your faults to the brethren when they have a connection with them. FE 239.

Humble yourselves. FE 239.

Don't resent criticism. FE 239.

Be a faithful example to the people. FE 240.

Be saved day by day, hour by hour. FE 240.

Have a yearning of soul after God. FE 240.

Let the human heart and character be regenerated by divine power. FE 241.

Serve God. MH 226.

Live according to God's word. MH 226.

Live in obedience to His word. MH 227.

Such a prayer a most solemn act, and not to be entered into without careful consideration. GW 215.

Be certain the illness is not caused by self-indulgence. GW 215.

Live by strict principles of purity. GW 215.

Regard the laws of health in habits of eating, drinking, dressing, and working. GW 215.

Put away all forms of vice and courses of headless transgression of God's natural and spiritual laws. GW 215.

Lay aside unhealthful practices and the indulgence of perverted appetite. GW 215.

Cease to do evil and learn to do well. GW 216.

Keep surroundings sanitary. GW 216.

Practice correct habits of life. GW 216.

Live in harmony with the law of God, both natural and spiritual. GW 216.

Repent of and confess sin. (Open sins openly confessed; secret sins confessed to God alone.) GW 216.

Abhorre vanity, pride, and extravagant show. 2T 275.

Have regard for the light on the subject of purity and health reform. CH 373.

Repent of sin. Confess. CH 373.

Practice right principles of eating and drinking, taking care of body. CH 373.

Married individuals: Break gross habits and the indulging in unholy practice. CH 373.

Single individuals: Be not reckless of life and health. Walk circumspectly. CH 373.

Be certain tithes and offerings are clear before God. CH 374.

Examine candidate to see if he may have indulged in evil speaking, alienation, and dissension; sowed discord. Make things right. CH 374.

Put away indolence. 3T 211.

Study sincere prayers of Nathaniel, Daniel, David, Christ. 4T 534.

Shut yourself in with God. 5T 209.

Patiently exercise faith. 5T 209.

Trust implicitly in God. 5T 209.

Hold convocations of prayer. 6T 80.

Observe Sabbath carefully. 6T 80.

Prepare for Sabbath physically and spiritually.

Have quietness of mind. 6T 80.

Pray with greater earnestness. 7T 12.

Have family worship. 7T 42.

Put away skepticism and idolatry. 7T 42.

Use hygienic measures which are within power to use. CH 376.

Cooperate with God in the work of restoration. Avail self of all possible advantages in the recovery of health. CH 376.

Have close self-examination. CH 377.

Confess and forsake sin. CH 377.

We need grace, divine enlightenment. CH 380.

Approach Lord in calm faith, not storm of excitement. CH 377.

To urge recovery without submission to His will, is not right. CH 377.

If we regard iniquity in our hearts, the Lord will not hear us. CH 377.

Avoid unbelief and sin. CH 379.

If healing comes: "We are so weak that we cannot bear much spiritual prosperity, lest we take the glory, and accredit goodness and righteousness to ourselves as the reason for the signal blessing of God..." CH 379.

"Keep on asking, even if we do not realize the immediate response to our prayers." CH 380.

Wrongs done should be made right. GW 216.

Confess evil speaking. GW 216.

Correct discord sown in the home, church, neighborhood. GW 216.

Stop stirring up alienation and dissention. GW 217.

Cease any wrong practice that has led others into sin. GW 217.

Present the afflicted one to the Lord in calm faith, as His spirit may indicate. GW 217.

Sick should be trustful and cheerful. GW 217.

Sick must rise above depression and gloom. GW 217.

Remember with gratitude how long they enjoyed blessing of health; and should this precious boon be restored to them, they should not forget that they are under renewed obligations to their Creator. When the ten lepers were healed, only one returned to find Jesus and give His glory. Let us not be like the unthinking nine, whose hearts were untouched by the mercy of God." CH 382.

Avoid "wild enthusiasm and fanaticism" in case of healing. Special Messages Vol. 2, 345-348.

Jesus is willing to bear all our diseases if it will be for our good and for His glory. MM 17
-(infirmities and strengthen and heal)
(Some, even died in the days of Christ, because He knew what was best for them.) MM 17.