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Service Order of Prayers for Healing

A useful resource to order a service for prayers of healing

Here is a simple structure for a service of prayers for healing.

You may also wish to consult these resources and the articles linked below as you plan.

Opening Words

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Prayer

a simple prayer thanking God for his presence among us and expressing trust in his mercy and love

Song If You But Trust in God to Guide You

OR As the Deer

Introduction to the Service of Prayers for Healing

Scripture James 5:13-16 (NRSV)

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

People are invited to stations, where teams of pastors and elders will pray with them. Anointing with oil may also be offered. The gathered people might sing, and/or read scriptures during prayers for healing.

Songs There Is a Balm in Gilead

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Lord, to Whom Shall We Go? (Iona)

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Song I Worship You, O Lord (Psalm 30)

Psalm 103:1-5 (NRSV)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits— who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Blessing

Additional Scripture

Psalm 121

Psalm 51

Psalm 103

Isaiah 61:1-3

Jeremiah 17:7, 8, 14

Lamentations 3:17-26

Matthew 8:1-13

Mark 2:1-12

Mark 10:13-16

Romans 5:1-5

Romans 8:38-39

Philippians 4:5-7, 10-13, 19-20

James 5:13-16

Additional Songs

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Wait for the Lord (Taize')

Just As I Am

How Great Thou Art

He Leadeth Me

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

It Is Good to Sing Your Praises

Children of the Heavenly Father

We Cannot Measure How You Heal (Iona)

O Christ, the Lamb of God

Father, We Love You Blessed Be Your Name You Are My All in All

Other sample service orders:

http://www.reformedworship.org/magazine/article.cfm?article_id=621

Harry Boonstra writes an introduction to a Prayer Service for Restoration, with helpful notes about the service order.

http://www.rockies.net/~spirit/sermons/sr-healing-service-1.php

A pastor responds to requests from his congregation with a healing service.

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