

## Prayers

### Prayer Before Surgery

Loving God, I entrust myself to your care this day; guide with wisdom and skill the minds and hands of those who heal in your name, and grant that every cause of illness being removed, I may be restored to soundness of health and learn to live in more perfect harmony with myself and others, through Jesus Christ, my healer and Lord, Amen.

### After Surgery

Creator God, I thank you that this operation is safely past, and now I rest in your abiding presence, relaxing every tension, releasing every care and anxiety, receiving more of your healing life into every part of my being. In moments of pain, I turn to you for strength, in times of loneliness I feel your loving nearness; grant then that your life and love and joy may flow through me for the healing of others in your name. Amen.

### Prayer for Doctors, Nurses, and other Caregivers

Dear God, please bless in a special way my doctors, my nurses, and all the other persons who are caring for my and my needs in so many different ways. Please help them to know deep inside how grateful I am for all their expertise and gentle care. Please help increase their knowledge and skills in helping all patients. Please help them increase their faith in You and Your willingness to help them when they turn to You in Prayer. Bless them, O God. Amen.

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### Prayer for Self when Ill

Dear Lord, you who are the great Physician, I turn to you in my sickness asking you to help me. Place your hand upon me as you did in the long ago and let healing and wholeness come into me from You. I put myself under Your care and affirm my faith. Even now Your marvelous healing, forgiveness and grace is blessing me. Help me to trust You, to see Your face in all my caregivers and to rest in Your mercy, grace and love. Amen

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### Morning Prayer

Today, O Lord, I begin a new day in the hospital and I'm just a little afraid and nervous about it. Help me to realize that this hospital has been built to help me in this time of need. May I also realize that the doctors and nurses desire to help me get well. May I find in this strange world of sickness much love and perhaps many new insights. But above all, may I hear your footsteps along the hospital corridors and feel your presence by my bed day and night, through all those you send to me So I am without fear and at peace Thank you Lord. Amen.

### **In the Evening**

Almighty God, thank you for the medicine which brings sleep. May my fellow patients and I have rest of body. As you ever deal kindly with your servants, fill this hospital with a sense of your vivid presence that the wondrous fragrance of your love may never leave us. We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Night Prayer**

O God, before I sleep, I remember before you all the people I love, and now in the silence I say their names to you. All the people who are sad and lonely, old and forgotten, poor and hungry and cold, in pain of body and in distress of mind. Bless all of us who need your blessing, for we are connected in You. Amen.