



**Week one; March 23-March 29
Prayers for Healing**

“After this he (Jesus) went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.” Luke 5:27-32

Our prayers for healing are often focused on our physical ailments and the pain and suffering of our loved ones. Jesus reminds us in these words that the ultimate healing is the forgiveness of our sins and the cleansing of our souls. Through His suffering and death, Jesus has healed us of the most devastating of all diseases and has restored us into a healed relationship with our Heavenly Father. With the disease of sin eradicated, we can confidently bring all pain and suffering of body, mind, and spirit to our Father in heaven with confidence that His grace is sufficient.

Prayer suggestions – You can use these or lift up your own. We encourage you to pray these prayers each day. In addition, we urge you to add the names of those printed at the bottom of the page. These are individuals connected in some way to the ministries of Berea and Agape Hill. If you would like someone added to the list, make sure they approve having their name included and email the information to Pastor Jeff.

Monday: Dearest Heavenly Father, we know you can heal all sickness and wounds. We pray to you for all who have illness of body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for all who suffer from the COVID-19 virus. Provide healing according to Your holy will. Provide the needed supplies and equipment to fight this disease. Remove all fear and doubt and surround them with your abiding love. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Tuesday: Gracious God, our Maker and Redeemer, we lift up before Your throne of grace all health care workers, caregivers, scientists, researchers, and all their families. Guide their skills and talents to provide healing for those whom they serve. Give to them the peace and satisfaction in their vocations that causes them to work tenaciously and joy-filled, knowing they serve You by serving others. We pray this in the name of our Savior Jesus, Amen.

Wednesday: Great Physician, you are the balm and healing of our souls. We pray this day for all first responders, police, firefighters, paramedics, highway patrol, sheriffs, National Guard and all their families as they place themselves in the midst of all danger and terror. Give them strength, courage, wisdom and discernment. Guard and protect them from all danger and bring them home safely when their work is complete. We pray this in Your powerful name. Amen.

Thursday: Merciful Father, we beg of You to provide healing for all those who suffer from mental, emotional or addictive illness. Lord, while others may not see their pain is great and long-suffering, only You can bring them true peace and comfort. We also lay before you all of those who love and care for them. Provide courage and strength for them as they continue to share the burdens of their loved ones. In the precious name of Your Son, our Savior Jesus. Amen.

Friday: Heavenly Father, we lift up all of those who suffer from illness, those who are homebound, those who are lonely. Use your holy Church to remind them that they are not alone but that You are always present in their lives. We also on this day lift up the families and friends of those who are ill and lonely. We know they also carry the burdens and challenges of their loved ones. Send Your Holy Spirit to give them a measure of strength and courage to face this precious vocation. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Saturday: Great and Glorious King, we pray for the healing of our hearts. You speak to us in Jeremiah with the words, "Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security." My soul is infected with the disease of sin, a disease only you can heal. Have mercy on me and give me peace. In the name of my Savior Jesus. Amen.

Lord's Prayer: *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**Jesus, grant that balm and healing
In Your holy wounds I find,
Every hour that I am feeling
Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning
Keep me from its first beginning.**

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PRAYER REQUESTS as of the date of the printing: *Welcome! It is not by accident that our Lord has led us here to this moment. We pray with you for His guidance and encouragement as we strive to be His disciples and share the message of salvation with others. Amen.*

Cancer: *Carol Spatzek, breast, Judy Branson, breast, Tom Brueckner, prostate, Julia Grau, granddaughter of Chet & Marge Grau, eye, Eli Kessler, great nephew of the Heckerts, leukemia, Kathy Schmid, aunt of Robin Mueller, liver, Randy Clinard, former Berea member, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Gordy Fabry, cousin of Pastor Jeff, Sharon Beay, step-sister of Ray Leidy, eye melanoma, Ron Schroeder, former member, Stem-cell transplant T-Cell lymphoma, Diane, friend of Shannon Biedenbender (former member), lung,*

Sympathy: *Family of Beverly Seefeldt who entered eternal rest on Saturday, March 21*

Hospice: *Carol Timme, The Kathy House, West Bend, Linda, Dearest friend of Sally Goelz (Agape Hill), brain tumor/cancer, Les Tews Luther Manor,*

Rehabilitation: *Lorraine Biang, Luther Manor, fall, George DeJarlais, Terry's husband, heart surgery, home*

Ongoing needs: *Maxine Dudley, severe back pains, Lane Branson, multiple health challenges, Lavonne Biedenbender, multiple health concerns, Steve Biedenbender, lung disease, Henry Klaves, epilepsy, Irm Tewes, Luther Manor Monday attendee, severe and continuous pain, Mady, daughter of Megan Wylie's friend, torn ACL, Shirley McMahon, Aunt of Robin Mueller, fall*

Homebound: *Rev. Richard Borchers, Lutheran Home, Dorothy Britton Brookdale Assisted Living, Rose Eisner Home, Elinor Heitman Harwood Place,*

Birthdays: *3/26 Marilyn Wendelburg, 3/27 Ellen Simandl, 3/28 Lavonne Biedenbender, Rev. Richard Borchers*

Anniversaries: *3/23 Tom & Helena Schmidt, 3/24 Ted & Debbie Puente*