



**Mass with Anointing of the Sick
(Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)
11th February 2023**

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Oh ever immaculate Virgin,
Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick,
Refuge of Sinners, Comfortess of the Afflicted,
you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings.
Look upon me with mercy.
When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes,
you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favours,
and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities,
both spiritual and corporal.
I come, therefore,
with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession.
My loving Mother, obtain my request.
I will try to imitate your virtues
so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Sick

Hear our prayer, O God, and heal the many illness that afflict us in body,
mind and soul.
Bring comfort to those who suffer.
Bring Consolation to those who despair.
Bring strength to those who walk with the sick.
Bring hope to all for whom the path to healing is long and may not end.
Let us never forget your special care for the sick, that they may also know
they are precious and loved. Amen

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The following text may be adapted for use in a Service of Prayer with Anointing of the Sick.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

My dear friends, we are gathered here in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who is present among us. As the gospels relate, the sick came to him for healing; moreover, he loves us so much that he died for our sake. Through the apostle James, he has commanded us: “Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them.” Let us therefore commend those who are sick to the grace and power of Christ, that he may save them and raise them up.

Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you give us yourself
to heal us and bring us strength:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

The priest concludes the penitential rite with the following:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

Collect

Let us pray

Almighty ever living God,
eternal health of believers,
hear our prayers for your servants who are sick:
grant them, we implore you, your merciful help,
so that, with their health restored,
they may give you thanks
in the midst of your Church.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Is. 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour

and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendour.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 142:1-2, 5-6. 110

R./ Lord, listen to my prayer.

Lord, listen to my prayer:
turn your ear to my appeal.
You are faith, you are just; give answer.
Do not call your servant to judgement
for no one is just in your sight. **R./**

I remember the days that are past:
I ponder all your works.
I muse on what your hand has wrought
and to you I stretch out my hands.
Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you. **R.**

Teach me to do your will
for you, O Lord, are my God.
Let your good spirit guide me
in ways that are level and smooth. R./

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. James.

5:13-16

If anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. If anyone is feeling happy? Let them sing songs of praise. If anyone among you sick, let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ took our sicknesses away,
and carried our diseases for us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk. 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus came back to Capernaum after a lapse of several days and word got around that he was at home. At that they began to gather in great numbers. There was no longer any room for them, even around the door. While he was delivering God's word to them, some people arrived bringing a paralyzed

man to him. The four who carried him were unable to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they began to open up the roof over the spot where Jesus was. When they had made a hole, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves: "Why does the man talk in that way? He commits blasphemy! Who can forgive sins except God alone?" Jesus was immediately aware of their reasoning, though they kept it to themselves, and he said to them: "Why do you harbour these thoughts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk again'? That you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (he said to the paralyzed man), "I command you: Stand up! Pick up your mat and go home." The man stood and picked up his mat and went outside in the sight of everyone. They were awestruck; all gave praise to God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

LITURGY OF ANOINTING

Litany

My brothers and sisters, in our prayer of faith let us appeal to God for our brothers and sisters,

Come and strengthen them through this holy anointing:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Free them from all harm:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Free them from sin and all temptation:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Relieve the sufferings of all the sick [here present]:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Assist all those dedicated to the care of the sick:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Give life and health to our brothers and sisters, on whom we lay our hands in your name:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Laying on of Hands

In silence, the priest lays his hands on the head of the sick person. If there are a number to receive the sacrament, the priest extends his hands over them in silence.

Prayer over the oil

The priest says a prayer of thanksgiving over blessed oil:

Praise to you, God, the almighty Father.

You sent your Son to live among us
and bring us salvation.

R. Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.

Praise to you, God the only-begotten Son.

You humbled yourself to share in our humanity
and you heal our infirmities,

R. Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.

Praise to you God, the Holy Spirit, the Consoler.
Your unfailing power gives us strength
in our bodily weakness.

R. Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.

God of mercy,
ease the sufferings and comfort the weakness of your servants,
whom the Church anoints with this holy oil.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Anointing

The priest anoints the sick person with blessed oil.

First, he anoints the forehead, saying:

Through this holy anointing
may the Lord in his love and mercy
help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Then he anoints the hands, saying:

May the Lord who frees you from sin
save you and raise you up.

R. Amen.

Prayer after Anointing

The priest says the following prayer:

Let us pray.
Father in heaven,
through this holy anointing
grant comfort to those who are suffering.
When they are afraid, give them courage,

when afflicted, give them patience,
when dejected, afford them hope,
and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, our God,
who once established these created things
to sustain us in our frailty,
grant, we pray,
that they may become for us now
the Sacrament of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Preface

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Father of mercies and faithful God.

For you have given us Jesus Christ, your Son,
as our Lord and Redeemer.
He always showed compassion

for children and for the poor,
for the sick and for sinners,
and he became a neighbour
to the oppressed and the afflicted.
By word and deed he announced to the world
that you are our Father
and that you care for all your sons and daughters.
And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we exalt and bless your name
and sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts.....

Prayer after Communion

O God, only support of our human weakness,
show the power of your protection
over your servants who are sick,
that, sustained by your merciful help,
they may be restored to your holy Church
in good health.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITE

Final Blessing

May the Lord be with you to protect you.

R. Amen.

May he guide you and give you strength.

R. Amen.

May he watch over you, keep you in his care, and bless you with his peace.

R. Amen.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.