

Prayers for comfort and healing

Lord God,

as we come to share the richness of your table, we cannot forget the rawness of the earth.

We cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry.

Your world is one world and we are stewards of its nourishment. Lord, put our prosperity

at the service of the poor.

We cannot take wine and forget those who are thirsty.

The ground and the rootless, the earth and its weary people cry out for justice. Lord, put our fullness at the service of the empty.

We cannot hear your words of peace and forget the world at war or, if not at war, then preparing for it.

Show us quickly, Lord,

how to turn weapons

into welcome signs and the lust for power into a desire for peace.

We cannot celebrate the feast of your family and forget our divisions. We are one in spirit, but not in fact. History and hurt still dismember us. Lord, heal our church

in every brokenness. Amen.

OR

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair.

(silent prayer for those in despair)

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness.

(silent or open prayer for those in need of healing)

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Saviour of the world, you bring life in our dying

(silent prayer for those grieving)

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

OR

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.