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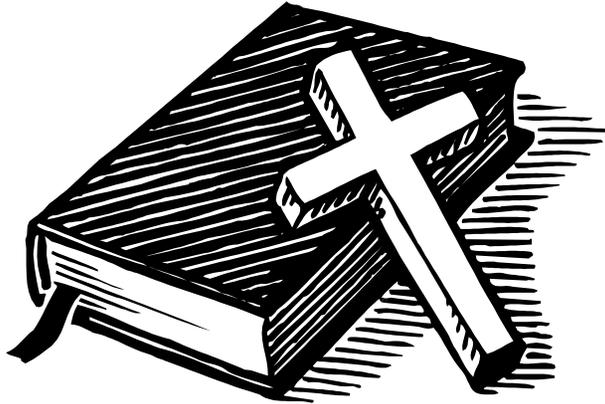
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Prayers

The 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 temptations,
but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

In the Morning

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

For Strength and Confidence

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve me in my sickness, and give your power of healing to those who minister to my needs, that I may be strengthened in my weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Doctors and Nurses

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Pain

Lord Jesus Christ, by your patience in suffering you hallowed earthly pain and gave us the example of obedience to your Father's will: Be near me in my time of weakness and pain; sustain me by your grace, that my strength and courage may not fail; heal me according to your will; and help me always to believe that what happens to me here is of little account if you hold me in eternal life, my Lord and my God. Amen.

Before an Operation

Almighty God our heavenly Father, graciously comfort me in my suffering and bless the means made use of for my cure. Fill my heart with confidence that, though at time I may be afraid, I may always put my trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Strengthen me, O God, to do what I have to do and bear what I must bear; that accepting your healing gifts through the skill of surgeons and nurses, I may be restored to usefulness in your world with a thankful heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Beginning of a Recovery

O Lord, your compassions never fail and your mercies are new every morning: I give you thanks for giving me both relief from pain and hope of health renewed. Continue in me, I pray, the good work you have begun; that daily increasing in bodily strength, and rejoicing in your goodness, I may so order my life and conduct that I may always think and do those things that please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Sleep

O heavenly Father, you give your children sleep for the refreshing of soul and body; Grant me this gift, I pray: keep me in that perfect peace which you have promised to those whose minds are fixed on you; and give me such a sense of your presence, that in the hours of silence I may enjoy the blessed assurance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

For Trust in God

O God, the source of all health: So fill my heart with faith in your love, that with calm expectancy I may make room for your power to possess me, and gracefully accept your healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.