

A SERVICE OF ANOINTING/HEALING

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INTRODUCTION:

Are any among you sick?

They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

James 5:14-16a

THANKSGIVING OVER THE OIL:

Let us pray.

O God, the giver of health and salvation:

We give thanks to you for the gift of oil.

As your holy apostles anointed many who were sick and healed them, so pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on this gift, that those who in faith and repentance, receive this anointing, may be made whole; through Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS WITH ANOINTING AND/OR LAYING ON OF HANDS

(The pastor and other lay minister will pray these or similar words as fit the individual need)

We anoint you with oil and lay hands upon you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the power of God's indwelling presence heal you of all illness of body, mind, spirit, or relationships that you may serve God with a loving heart. AMEN

PRAYER AFTER ANOINTING AND LAYING ON OF HANDS:

Almighty God, we pray that our brothers and sisters may be comforted in their suffering and made whole.

When they are afraid, give them courage;

When they feel weak, grant them your strength;

When they are afflicted, afford them patience;

When they are lost, offer them hope;

When they are alone, move us to their side;

When death comes, open your arms to receive each one.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. AMEN

THE BLESSING:

The Lord who heals all your iniquity bless and keep you; the face of the Lord who heals all your afflictions shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the light of the countenance of the Lord who redeems your life be lifted upon you and give you peace. AMEN