

Prayer for Healing:

Almighty God, source of strength and healing, bless this hospital and its work. To those who serve, give wisdom and skill, tenderness and strength. To those who are ill, give patience and courage and the assurance that you desire health and wholeness for all. Grant that in every hour of trial we may know that you are near; and help us put our trust in your redeeming love. *Amen*

Closing Prayer for our Nurses:

Gentle God, we ask you to draw near to these women and men who have given their lives in service to others. Fill their minds and their hearts with your wisdom and mercy that they might truly be your hands and feet in our institution. Grant them the perseverance and strength needed to do their job. *Amen*

Benediction:

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people. Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*



Thank you Nurses



*We want to express our heartfelt
gratitude for your unwavering
dedication and compassionate care.
Thank you for being an
incredible nurse.
Your outstanding commitment to
patient care is truly commendable.*



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Blessing of Our Nurses

As we calm our thoughts and welcome the presence of the Lord among us, it is with joy we honor each of you!

Chaplain: God, Creator, Healer, and Comforter: you have called us here to affirm the dedication of our lives to a ministry of healing and comforting.

Nurses: *Strengthen our hearts and minds to help others in your name.*

Chaplain Opening Prayer: Lord, in this time of world uncertainty, we pray for your wisdom and peace. We pray for those who are sick, that they would be healed. We pray for all health care workers, that they would have the strength and energy to care for the sick. Give wisdom to leaders as they navigate difficult decisions in protecting us and our communities. Use this time to unite people and turn toward their neighbors with love and compassion. Help us to remember that you go before us and we are not alone. *Amen*

Chaplain: We have come together today to celebrate the work of healers. We come to bless the healing work of our nurses and their hands. Each of you brings unique gifts and a unique self to your various tasks. Today we come to celebrate your gifts and to remember how much we need one another. No one person has all the gifts. We rely on one another and work together to bring healing to people who come to us. Through blessing your hands, we acknowledge that they are holy hands, given to fulfill divine purposes. This blessing symbolizes our belief in the sacredness of your everyday lives and work. Through this blessing we recognize the divine presence with each of you.

Together: *We hear your call, Lord, and are thankful that you invite us to share in your healing ministry. You bless us as we practice the special gifts you have given us. You honor us and bless us as you send us forth to live our lives, holding and healing, counseling and comforting your people through our gifts.*

*Let us pause silently for a moment to remember ...
Nursing heroes who have paved the way before us,
Those who have departed from us,
Supported us and taught us and
Encouraged and guided us.*

Blessing of Our Nurses Hands

Blessed be these hands that have touched life.

Blessed be these hands that have felt pain.

Blessed be these hands that have embraced with compassion.

Blessed be these hands that have been clenched in anger, or withdrawn in fear.

Blessed be these hands that have drawn blood and administered medicine.

Blessed be these hands that have cleaned beds and disposed of wastes.

Blessed be these hands that have anointed the sick and offered blessings.

Blessed be these hands that grow stiff with age.

Blessed be these hands that have comforted the dying and held the their grieving families.

Blessed be these hands; we hold the future in these hands.

Blessed be our hands, for they are the work of your hands, God.



Please come forward to receive anointing of your hands from our Chaplains.

Chaplains' Blessings: You are God's hands in this healing place. May you be upheld and comforted by the assurance of God's constant presence at your side and of God's healing strength in your hands.

Blessed are the nurses, in our hospital and health system. Blessed are the hands that are raw from scrubbing and sanitizing. Blessed are the shoulders that carry the weight of life and death. Blessed are the feet that are aching from standing at bedside and running between rooms. Blessed are the hearts that are frightened and breaking. Blessed are the sick and dying, those who bear the image of God before us. Blessed are those who believe that when part of the body suffers, we all suffer.

Blessed are those who look upon God's work as a gift. Blessed are those who have had enough. Blessed are those who are overwhelmed. Blessed are those who lack the space to process all that lies ahead. Blessed are the ones who are found weeping in secret so that we might see a strong face to greet our need. Blessed are those who weep openly with us, so that even our tears have companions.