

Healing

“I am the Lord who heals you.” **Ex 15:26.**

“O Lord, my God, I cried out to you and you healed me.” **Ps 30:3.**

“The power of the Lord was with him to heal.” **Lk 5:17.**

“Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you; heal the sick in it and say to them, the kingdom of God has come near you.” **Lk 10 8-9.**

“Those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all.” **Lk 6:18.**

“Jesus welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those in need of healing.” **Lk 9:11.**

These signs will accompany those who believe, they will lay hands on the sick, and they will heal.” **Mk 15:17-18.**

“A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.” **Acts 5:16.**

Peter described, “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God with him. We are his witnesses.” **Acts 10:38.**

“This inner renewal, this healing of the very roots of life and this formation of a mentality dominated by the ‘promptings of the Spirit’ is your vocation as Christians.” **Pope John Paul II, Nov, 1986.**

“Jesus’ preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries to draw the very special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul. It is the source of tireless efforts to comfort them. **CCC 1503.**

“The Holy Spirit gives to some a special charism of the power of healing so as to make manifest the power of the risen Lord.” **CCC 1508.**

“Heal the sick! The Church has received this charge from the Lord and strives to carry it out by taking care of the sick as well as by accompanying them with her prayer of intercession.” **CCC 1509.**

“When we feel the closeness of the living Christ, there the remedy to suffering and his joy is already present.” **Pope Benedict XVI, first Sunday of Advent, 2006.**

“To those who are at the service of the sick, with the help of Mary, may they witness God’s goodness and fatherly concern. May the Holy Virgin comfort those who are afflicted by illness and support those who, like the Good Samaritan, soothe their physical and spiritual wounds.” **Pope Benedict XVI, Sermon on World Day of the Sick, 2006.**

“The next International Eucharistic Congress (2008) will be an opportunity to worship Jesus Christ present in the Sacrament of the Altar, to entrust ourselves to him as Hope

that does not disappoint, to receive him as that medicine of immortality which heals the body and the spirit.” **Pope Benedict XVI Sermon on World Day of the Sick, 2007.**

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Jesus healed many people of their sins, sicknesses and brokenness. He gave his disciples, including us today, the gift of healing. Healing as a spiritual gift can take many forms. There can be spiritual, psychological, financial and relational healing. A personal relationship with Jesus and a strong sacramental life are essential for any type of healing as is a vibrant prayer life. Some people have a gift of one type of healing or another.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Which Passage touches you or burns in your heart the most? Please explain.**

- 2. How have you exercised this gift in the past?**

- 3. How are you now exercising this gift?**

- 4. Do you see new ways you can exercise this gift in the future?**

Possible parish services where you can use the gift of: HEALING

The gift of Healing is a Healing Charism whose focus is being an instrument of God’s physical, spiritual, and/or emotional healing. The gift of Healing is often used in spiritual and physical outreach through ministries like ACTS Retreats, Alpha, Grief Support Ministry, Jonah Prayer Ministry, or Knights of Columbus.