

¶ Phone-In Evening Prayers

Prayers for Healing

4 August 2020
St John Vianney

In order to participate fully in the prayers for healing, please have ready by you some "holy oil" substitute, e.g. nice hand cream or face cream, or perfume/ aftershave, or even hand sanitizer! A product that you use for your personal care, and which we will use in these prayers to symbolize God's healing in our lives. Something that feels nice to use, and with a pleasing scent!

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

R1 Bless the Lord, O my soul **R2** and forget not all his benefits.

R1 God forgives all our iniquities **R2** and heals all our diseases.

R1 God redeems our life from the Pit **R2** and crowns us with love and mercy.

Reader 1 From the St Matthew's Gospel

14.22-end

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Reflection

Leader Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we make our prayer to you.

Reader 1 Grant to us and all who seek you the assurance of your presence, your power and your peace.

Reader 2 Grant your healing grace to all who are sick and make them whole in body, mind and spirit.

Reader 2 Grant to all who minister to the suffering wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

Reader 1 Sustain and support the anxious and fearful and lift up all who are brought low.

Leader Hear us, Lord of life. **Reader 2** Heal us, and make us whole.

Leader The Lord is here **Reader 2** His Spirit is with us.

Leader Lord, holy Father, giver of health and salvation, as your apostles anointed those who were sick and healed them, so continue the ministry of healing in your Church. We present to you these symbols of care for our bodies. As we use them now with faith in your healing power, may we and all for whom we pray, know freedom from suffering and distress, find inward peace, and the joy of your salvation, through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. **[Apply your cream]**

R1 Be with us, Spirit of God **R2** nothing can separate us from your love.

R1 Breathe on us, breath of God **R2** fill us with your saving power.

R1 Speak in us, wisdom of God **R2** bring strength, healing and peace.

The Lord's Prayer and Individual Blessings