



Day of Prayer: 12pm Health Service, caring professions & vaccination program

God of health and wholeness, we thank you for the ministry of Jesus to the sick, demonstrating that you want us to be well enough to live the abundant life your Son promised. Give us a balanced understanding of our own health, bringing to you our own needs and the needs of others who are in distress I name them before you now...

God of health and wholeness, we think of gratitude of the skill and dedication of consultants, doctors, nurses, health visitors and pharmacists. But we [ray for the army of other health professionals: managers, researchers, technicians, porters, ambulance crew, cleaners and cooks- that they may be sustained, rewarded and encouraged in the tasks they undertake. We bring to mind and pray for anyone we know who occupies these roles...

God of health and wholeness, we know that mental illness destroys the lives of some people and causes others to limp through life. Thank you for all who work in this field- give them patience and enable them to see the deep value of every human life. In our prayers now perhaps we could see Jesus coming alongside anyone we know who is suffering from depression or other mental illness, remembering that Jesus had a particular concern for those who experienced this kind of oppression. See him there with that person now... (spend some time in silence praying for that person)

God of health and wholeness, we know that our well-being depends not only on the functioning of the body but on a host of emotional and social factors. So we pray that we may offer generously to others the gifts of friendship, kindness and community. May we identify social needs in our neighborhood and try to meet them. May we exercise our responsibility as citizens of both our earthly community and kingdom of heaven.

God of health and wholeness, thank you for the miracle of our minds and bodies. May we treasure them, respect them and offer them to your service through Jesus Christ our Lord and healer.

Prayer Points:

- All working in vaccination centres for perseverance & strength
- Thank God for all who have had their vaccine and pray that he would intervene in the hearts & minds of those who have chosen not to in order to protect one another
- For Robin Swann as he continues in a very difficult job
- For all working in nursing homes
- For all caring for someone with health needs at home
- For all receiving treatment
- For those awaiting a call with test results
- For all suffering from Covid and especially long covid symptoms

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