

DEVOTIONAL

Hollywood Prayer Network

HEALING

Do you roll your eyes at the thought of a Christian healer coming into town? I wonder if anyone rolled their eyes when Jesus started healing people. This week you'll be embracing the power of God's healing and asking God to have you experience His healing in our bodies, minds, and souls. Get ready for a week of healing!

DAY 1

BY HIS WOUNDS YOU HAVE BEEN HEALED

"HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS
IN A BELIEVER'S EAR! IT SOOTHES HIS
SORROWS, HEALS HIS WOUNDS, AND
DRIVES AWAY HIS FEAR."

-JOHN NEWTON

New International Version

Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities; the
punishment that brought us peace was
upon him, and by his wounds we are
healed.

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the
tree, so that we might die to sins and live
for righteousness; by his wounds you have
been healed.

DAY 1

PRAY: My Father in heaven, You remind me in these verses what Jesus went through for me. It was because He suffered that I am healed. He was pierced for my transgressions, crushed for my iniquities, and punished to give me peace. Because of Jesus' wounds, I am healed. It's an unbelievable sacrifice that You allowed Your only beloved Son to bear my sins and hang on a cross for me, just so that I would be healed and have eternal life. That is beyond my comprehension and I praise You for all You have done for me. Selah. Amen.

REFLECT: There is more to ponder here than seems possible to digest. Allow yourself to absorb all Jesus went through just to heal your body, mind, heart, and soul. You are a new creature because He suffered and died for you. If you really understood the sacrificial love that Jesus has for you, would you live and love people differently, be more selfless and kind? Does eternal life mean more when you know what Jesus went through to give it to you? Try to absorb that profound and sacrificial act. How do you feel?

DAY 1

ACT: Try to walk in Jesus' sandals for just one day and do radical acts of love and kindness. Give a person in need some money or clothes, do a kind act for someone who has been mean to you, or spontaneously go out and cut your neighbor's grass. Your actions have to be radical to even come close to what Jesus did for you. Today, step completely out of your comfort zone, and try to be like Jesus for a day. Die to your pride, to your desires, to winning. It could be the most memorable and healing day of your life! By His wounds, you have been healed!

DAY 2

SIN AND ILLNESS

"LISTEN TO GOD WITH A BROKEN HEART.
HE IS NOT ONLY THE DOCTOR WHO MENDS
IT, BUT ALSO THE FATHER WHO WIPES
AWAY THE TEARS."

-CRISS JAMI

New International Version

Psalms 41:4

I said, "O Lord, have mercy on me; heal me,
for I have sinned against you."

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other
and pray for each other so that you may
be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is
powerful and effective.

DAY 2

PRAY: Lord, I cry out to You, confessing my sins, and asking You to bring healing to me and anyone I have sinned against. Have mercy on me. I know that I need You and I need to confess to others. I want my prayers to be powerful and effective, but I will only be righteous if I am cleansed and healed by You. You are the only one who can heal me and make me whole. Help me to confess my sins to those close to me. Lord, I confess to You my brokenness so that You can heal me. And I pray for my friends and family members to be healed as well. Amen.

REFLECT: God tells us that we not only need to confess our sins to the Lord to be healed, but we also need to confess to one another. There are only two relationships that are crucial to our spiritual growth and healing: The vertical relationship between you and God, and the horizontal relationships between you and everyone in your life. God made us not only to need one another but to confess our sins to one another, and to forgive others when they confess to us. God gives us mercy when we walk with humility, honesty, and forgiveness in all of our relationships. What steps of healing do you need to take in both your vertical and horizontal relationships so that you can experience God's mercy and healing?

DAY 2

ACT: Make two healing columns: Put under the left column, titled FROM GOD, the ways you want healing from God. Be vulnerable with God about the healing you desire. Then on the right column, titled FROM MAN, list the ways you want healing from the hurts of others. Then write the names of people whom you want to forgive or from whom you want to receive forgiveness. Keep a copy of this list of two columns and pray over it, asking to experience total healing. "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective"!

DAY 3

CALL OUT TO THE LORD

"YOU PAY GOD A COMPLIMENT BY ASKING
GREAT THINGS OF HIM... HOWEVER SOFTLY
WE SPEAK, GOD IS NEAR ENOUGH TO HEAR
US."

-TERESA OF AVILA

New International Version

Psalms 30:2

O Lord my God, I called to you for help and
you healed me.

Matthew 14:14

When Jesus landed and saw a large
crowd, he had compassion on them and
healed their sick.

DAY 3

PRAY: Dear Lord, I am calling to You for help so that You will heal me. You are a healing God and You have healed every disease and sickness among people throughout time. I want to see physical, emotional, and spiritual healings in my family, friends and co-workers. Thank You that You can heal anyone. You can even raise people from the dead. So, I call out to You to have compassion on me and other people and heal the sick. I pray this in Your name, Amen.

REFLECT: Have you ever seen a miraculous healing? Do you believe God still heals? There are miraculous healings both in the Bible, and today. God is the same yesterday, today and forever and He continues to heal the sick and even raise people from the dead. There are documented stories in the US, and all over the world, of people being miraculously healed, physically, spiritually, and mentally. How can you expand your understanding of the love and power of God and all that He can accomplish? We never want to minimize Him or what He can do. As we get older our God should get bigger!

DAY 3

ACT: Today is the day to embrace the incredible, miraculous healings that God still does through His people, through doctors, or through the Holy Spirit. Don't question God's miracles. Ask Him right now to show you what He can do. If you have never seen a miracle, then ask Him to reveal a miracle to you. If you have experienced a miracle yourself, then go out and tell someone your story. We don't want to miss anything that God has for us! Believing in His miracles, and expecting them in your life, is one way to grow in your faith and in your relationship with Him. Pray big prayers today and step out in faith for the healing of others as well. God has compassion on us and He is a healing God!

DAY 4

EMOTIONAL HEALING

"I'VE EXPERIENCED SEVERAL DIFFERENT
HEALING METHODOLOGIES OVER THE
YEARS – COUNSELING, SELF-HELP
SEMINARS, AND I'VE READ A LOT – BUT
NONE OF THEM WILL WORK UNLESS YOU
REALLY WANT TO HEAL."

-LINDSAY WAGNER

New International Version

Psalms 147:3

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up
their wounds.

3 John 1:2

Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good
health and that all may go well with you,
even as your soul is getting along well.

DAY 4

PRAY: Dear Jesus, thank You that You heal our hearts and souls, not just our bodies. I pray today for the people in Hollywood, whom many Christians have given up on. If they are hurting, please heal them. So many celebrities and decision-makers in Hollywood are broken, isolated, discouraged, and fearful. I know that though many Christians pray for our politicians, not many Christians pray for our cultural influencers. So, I ask You to bring healing to the brokenhearted in the world's most influential industry. Thank You that You love all those people and are binding up their physical and emotional wounds and that all will go well with their souls. Amen.

REFLECT: What an awesome thought to know that Jesus heals our bodies, our minds, and our souls! And we get the privilege to pray for people we don't even know, asking the God of the universe to heal them. You may never know the result of your prayers until you get to heaven, but you can be assured that you are making an eternal difference for anyone God has put on your heart to pray for. So, what healing prayers do you want to pray for the people in Hollywood who are influencing the world? Realize the spiritual impact you can have on your favorite movie star, director, or songwriter. Embrace God's healing power as you pray!

DAY 4

ACT: Choose two people in Hollywood to pray for emotional healing. Many people have been sexually or emotionally abused, have severe anxiety, and even deep loneliness. Pray expectantly for healing for these people whom God has put on your heart. Your prayers can change their life! Be a part of a revolution of miraculous healing in Hollywood, just by choosing to pray – you may be the very first person to pray for those individuals! Thank you!

DAY 5

JESUS GAVE US AUTHORITY TO HEAL

"IN A FUTILE ATTEMPT TO ERASE OUR PAST,
WE DEPRIVE THE COMMUNITY OF OUR
HEALING GIFT. IF WE CONCEAL OUR
WOUNDS OUT OF FEAR AND SHAME, OUR
INNER DARKNESS CAN NEITHER BE
ILLUMINATED NOR BECOME A LIGHT FOR
OTHERS."

-BRENNAN MANNING

New International Version

Luke 9:1-2

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

DAY 5

PRAY: Jesus, You gave the disciples the power to heal the sick and You gave me the same power. As I read Luke, I want to pray for a lame man to walk and to offer someone a healing prayer to drive out demons and cure diseases. Help me to be a part of a miraculous healing. Would You stretch my faith so that I can embrace the power and authority to even drive out demons. Let me preach the kingdom of God and heal the sick, all in Your name. Amen.

REFLECT: Depending on your spiritual and church background, these verses may or may not be easy to embrace. If you have driven out demons or been a part of healings, then tell your story to others and preach the kingdom of God. If this scares you or makes you uncomfortable, then pray to be inspired this week to learn more about God's healing powers. Don't be afraid of any of God's gifts and don't make God too small. He raised His own son from the dead, and He gave His disciples the power and the authority to heal and drive out demons. And He has given us that same power. Are you ready to explore this gift from God? Don't be afraid!

DAY 5

ACT: Today is the day to step out of your comfort zone. If you have experienced God's healing, pray for healing for someone else. If you don't believe in the gift of healing, do a Bible study to see with new eyes what God says about healing. If you are uncomfortable with the thought, ask God to give you peace with the concept of supernatural healing. Commit now to step into a new season of growth, maturity, and experience with the Lord. He wants so much more for us than we can even hope for or imagine.

DAY 6

GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR HEALING

"WHEN WE ACCEPT WHAT HAPPENS TO
US AND MAKE THE BEST OF IT, WE ARE
PRAISING GOD."

-TERESA OF AVILA

New International Version

Psalms 103:2-5

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not
all his benefits who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases, who redeems
your life from the pit and crowns you with
love and compassion, who satisfies your
desires with good things so that your youth
is renewed like the eagle's.

Luke 17:15-16

One of them, when he saw he was healed,
came back, praising God in a loud voice.
He threw himself at Jesus' feet and
thanked him--and he was a Samaritan.

DAY 6

PRAY: Lord, I praise You from the depths of my soul and I don't want to forget all of Your benefits – You forgive me all my sins and heal all my diseases. You even redeem my life from the pit and crown me with love and compassion. People in the Bible saw that they were healed and praised You in a loud voice. May I be healed and praise You today. I want You to say to me, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." Praise the Lord! Amen.

REFLECT: These verses are full of hope and the stories remind us of God's almighty power. Be full of praise – for all that God has done for you. If we could all live lives of praise, we would experience more of God's love, compassion, redemption, and healing. The connection between praise and healing is amazing. But we often don't step out in faith and believe it. The more we praise God the easier it will be to believe in and experience His healing power. He wants to redeem your life, crown you with love and heal your soul. Can you believe that?

DAY 6

ACT: In this week on healing, take five minutes right now and just praise God for who He is and thank Him that He is in the process of healing you right now. Praise Him for your life, your family, friends, your job, your opportunities, wisdom, and joy. Even praise Him for the things that are not good in your life and for the people who have hurt you or been unfair to you. Praise Him in a loud voice because your youth is renewed like the eagle's! Give thanks to Him for the things you can't see, feel, or understand! Throw yourself at Jesus' feet and thank Him!

DAY 7

HEAL OUR LAND

"TO GET NATIONS BACK ON THEIR FEET, WE
MUST FIRST GET DOWN ON OUR KNEES."

-BILLY GRAHAM

New International Version

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, who are called by my
name, will humble themselves and pray
and seek my face and turn from their
wicked ways, then will I hear from
heaven and will forgive their sin and will
heal their land.

DAY 7

PRAY: God my Father, I am so grateful to end this week on healing by praying this beautiful prayer. I get down on my knees, humble myself and pray, asking You to heal my land, my family, and my life. I am called by Your name and I seek Your face. Help me to turn away from my wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and You will forgive my sins and heal my land. These verses are rich with promises, hope and healing. Thank You God, for your love, compassion, and healing hand on my life. I am honored to be called by Your name. Amen.

REFLECT: Read through each phrase of this verse and ponder their meaning. "If my people who are called by my name." That's you, a Christian, a follower of Christ. "Will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways." Are you humble before the Lord? Do you pray and seek His face? Have you turned from all of your wicked ways? "Then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Do you believe that God hears every one of your prayers and forgives every single sin of yours? And do you believe that He will heal your land, our country? What does that mean to you? Can you imagine what the world would be like if God healed our entire land? It's incredible!

DAY 7

ACT: End your week by memorizing 2 Chronicles 7:14. It's God's ultimate healing promise, but it takes work on our part. If you can memorize this whole verse and have it in your heart, it will soon become the steppingstone to living a Christ-like life and experiencing God's healing power. Put these words in your heart, mind, and soul, and then watch God do a healing work in your life and in your land! Remember is starts by humbling yourself.