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A selection of poetry, prose and prayers

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Hospital Prayers

Prayer for the Hospital

Almighty God,

I ask your blessing on all who share in your work of healing in this hospital.
Give wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience that they may relieve suffering
and forward your purposes of love.

Prayer for my Family and Friends

Heavenly Father, I commit my loved ones into your loving care. Protect them from all
harm and danger. Drive from them all anxious thoughts for me.

Teach them to know that your love for them is stronger than mine and that in
your love we are never separated.

Amen.

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In worry God will care

Jesus said:

I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body,
what you will wear...Your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you
as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.

Matthew 6:25, 32-34

Commit your way to the Lord;

trust in him...

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

Psalms 37:5, 7

Cast your care on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.

Do not be Anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with
thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

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In loneliness- God will be near

You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.
Psalm 9:10

I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of our right hand and says to you,
"Do not fear; I will help you."
Isaiah 41:13

My eyes are ever on the Lord, for only he will release my feet from the snare. Turn to me and
be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
Psalm 25:15,16

Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.
Psalm 27:10

God has said: "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
Hebrews 13:5

In distress God will comfort
In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them.
Isaiah 63:9

David was greatly distressed...but found strength in the Lord his God.
1 Samuel 30:6

The Lord says: As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.
Isaiah 66:13

Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be
merciful to me and hear my prayer.
Psalm 4:1

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.
Nahum 1:7

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The Lord Jesus said:

I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8:12

**In discouragement
God will
strengthen**

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

Psalm 61:1,2

God said:

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

**In danger
God will
protect**

The prudent see danger and take refuge.

Proverbs 27:12

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust. He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

Psalm 91:2, 4,5

The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and evermore.

Psalm 121:7

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The Lord Jesus said:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid...I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

John 14:27; 16:33

**Through death
God will give
life**

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16, 17

Jesus said:

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?

John 11:25, 26

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23:4, 6

O God...when I am afraid, I will trust in you.

Psalm 56:1, 3

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