

## Prayers for Healthcare Sunday

### Pray for health and social care workers to trust in the Lord Jesus

- To step out each day in faith and not fear.
- To call to mind God's sovereignty, steadfast love, and faithfulness.
- To keep looking to Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

### Pray for gospel opportunities for health social care workers:

- To be the fragrance of Christ in healthcare at this time of crisis.
- To shine like stars in the sky as they hold firmly to the word of life (Philippians 2:15).
- For boldness to make the most of the many opportunities to share the hope and love of Christ with patients and colleagues.

### Pray for joy

- Pray for the joy of the Lord to be their strength (Nehemiah 8:10), especially when surrounded by sickness, death, anxiety, pain and despair.

### Pray for strength

- Pray that they would depend on the equipping and empowering of the Lord each day for the strength they need in caring for the sick.
- Pray for them to remember that the Lord's mercies are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23).

### Pray for wisdom

- Pray for Godly wisdom that Christ would be honoured when making hard decisions about caring for patients and allocating resources (Proverbs 2:1-5).

### Pray for comfort

- Pray for those who feel isolated, lonely, or separated from their loved ones especially after long shifts.
- Pray for their mental health – that they would find comfort in God's Word, seek help when needed, and be supported and encouraged by fellow Christians (Psalm 119:9-16).

### Pray for peace

- Pray that every day as they care for the sick in this time of crisis, they would know the peace of the Lord which transcends all understanding to fill their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7).

### Pray for frontline workers in the pandemic

- Pray against fear and anxiety for their own health on the frontline and pray for the health of those who live with them.
- For peace and strength as they face the deaths and illness of patients and colleagues.
- For courage, grace, peace and strength in dealing with the fear, anxiety and panic of patients and colleagues.
- For peace and wisdom as they handle the stress of being understaffed as colleagues go off sick or have to self-isolate.

- Pray against the stress and guilt of not being able to deliver optimum patient care or fully respond to patients' needs as a result of emergency COVID-19 measures and inadequate staffing and resources.
- Pray for those in senior positions who carry the responsibility for making difficult decisions based on imperfect knowledge which will have life and death consequences.