

Prayers for the sick

Prayers for the sick are held at the patient's request, in a hospital ward or at home. The prayers are led by a minister, another church employee, someone who belongs to the staff, or someone close to the patient.

Opening Hymn

E.g. Virsikirja [932](#) / Psalmbok [905](#) – Amazing Grace

Introductory Blessing

In the name of the Father and (+) of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Psalm 23:1–4

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
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.

Scripture reading Isaiah 53:3–4

He was despised
and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows,
and familiar with suffering.
Like one from whom men
hide their faces
he was despised,
and we esteemed him not.

Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows.

Blessing

Laying on of Hands

The prayer leader lays his/ her hands on the sick person's head and says:

You have through holy baptism been taken in to God's grace. Our saviour, Jesus Christ, has promised to be with you every day, now and until the end of your life. He says: "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
may the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be merciful to you.
May the Lord turn his face towards you
and give you peace.
In the name of the Father
and (+) of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

E.g. Virsikirja [979](#) / Psalmbok [947](#) – May the road rise to meet you

or Virsikirja [555](#) / Psalmbok [522](#) – Abide with me

1. Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2. I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

3. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

4. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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