

# HOLY FRIENDSHIP BROADSHEET #7

Reflections & Conversation based on the Sunday Service

#### In this issue:

- ◆ This Sunday is Health & Healing Sunday.
- ♦ Offer prayers of thanksgiving for persons who service in healing occupations.
- ◆Use the Litany for Healing as a prayer for others this week.
- ◆Be sure to turn in your 2019 pledge card.

## James 5:13-16

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

<sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over

them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

#### **Reflection Questions**

When you or someone you love is suffering, what do you do first?

- \*Pray
- \*Talk to a friend
- \*Worry about the worst scenario
- \*Look up information online

When you experience hardship, what enables you to be patient and wait for God?

What is emotional healing? What is spiritual healing?

In Mark 13:1-8 Jesus talks about the destruction and rebuilding of the Temple. How is your body a "temple" for God? When have you experienced God rebuilding your "temple"?

#### Scripture Passages about Health & Healing

#### **Old Testament**

- Psalm 41:4; 103:3; 147:3
- Proverbs 4:22
- Isaiah 53:5
- Jeremiah 30:17
- Malachi 4:2

#### New Testament

- Matthew 9:22
  - Mark 2:17
  - Luke 4:18
  - John 11
  - 2 Peter 1:2

### Litany for Healing

(name persons where you see "....")

God, our Creator, your will for us and for all your people is health and salvation.

Jesus Christ, Son of God you came that we might have life and have it in abundance.

Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, you make us temples of your presence.

To the triune God, the source of all love and all life, let us offer our prayers.

For all who are in need of healing.... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who are troubled by confusion or pain.... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all whose increasing years bring weariness.... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

> For all about to undergo surgery.... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

> For all who cannot sleep....
> Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who practice the healing arts.... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, the Great Physician. Amen.