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James 5:13-20 (CSB)

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing praises.

¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church, and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

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James 5:13-20 (CSB)

¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up; if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

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James 5:13-20 (CSB)

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.



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James 5:13-20 (CSB)

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the land.
¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the land produced its fruit.

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James 5:13-20 (CSB)

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if any among you strays from the truth, and someone turns him back,
²⁰ let that person know that whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

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Reasons we don't pray for healing:

- 1) It may seem unscientific
- 2) We fear disappointment
- 3) We don't think we are worth it
- 4) We don't think we have enough faith
- 5) Pride will stop us from asking for prayer



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James 5:14 (CSB)

Is **anyone** among you sick? **He should call for the elders of the church**, and **they are to pray** over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.



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1) If you are sick, ask the church leaders for prayer and help.



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James 5:14 (CSB)

Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church, and they are to pray over him, **anointing him with oil** in the name of the Lord.



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“Christian physicians used to say, ‘I dress the wound but God heals it.’ The ceremony of healing with oil is like a wedding. It makes us pause so that we take the action seriously. The ceremony can arouse the faith.”

~ Daniel Doriani

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2) When we anoint someone with oil, we are symbolically setting them apart for special attention and care from God.



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James 5:14-15 (CSB)

¹⁴ Is anyone among you **sick**? He should call for the elders of the church, and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.
¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the **sick** person, and the Lord will raise him up...

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Hebrew 12:3 (CSB)

For consider him (Jesus) who endured such hostility from sinners against himself, so that you won't grow **weary** and give up.

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James 5:15 (CSB)

The prayer of faith will save the **sick** person, and the Lord will raise him up; if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

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3) We are to pray that God would heal the weariness of our hearts, not just our bodies.



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James 5:16 (CSB)

Therefore, *confess your sins to one another* and *pray* for one another, so that *you may be healed*. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.



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4) Confession of secret sins releases healing in our body, our thoughts, and our emotions.



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John 5:14 (CSB)

After (Jesus healed a man, he) found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well. **Do not sin anymore**, so that **something worse** doesn't happen to you."



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1 Corinthians 11:30 (CSB)

This is why many are **sick and ill** among you, and many have fallen asleep.



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John 9:2-3 (CSB)

² His disciples asked (Jesus), "Rabbi, **who sinned**, this man or his parents, that he was **born blind**?"

³ "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," Jesus answered. "This came about so that God's works might be displayed in him."



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"Sin may or may not be the root of an illness, but our time in bed gives us an opportunity for self-examination. When sickness idles us, we should use our solitude to scan our lives. If sins come to mind, we should confess them, repent, and endeavor to reform."

~ Daniel M. Doriani,
James (Reformed Expository Commentary)

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Psalm 32:3-5 (NIV)

³ When I kept silent, **my bones wasted away** through my **groaning all day long**.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my **strength was sapped** as in the heat of summer.

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Psalm 32:3-5 (NIV)

⁵ Then **I acknowledged my sin** to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." **And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

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James 5:16 (CSB)

The prayer of a *righteous* person is very *powerful* in its effect.



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2 Timothy 4:20 (CSB)

I *left* Trophimus *sick* at Miletus.



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2 Corinthians 12:7-9 (CSB)

⁷ "...so that I would not exalt myself, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to torment me so that I would not exalt myself.

⁸ Concerning this, *I pleaded with the Lord three times* that it would leave me.



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2 Corinthians 12:7-9 (CSB)

⁹ **But** he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness."



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"To ask for something in the name of Christ is to ask for something according to His Word and for His glory. So when you pray, you need to start by making your wants God's wants...Now in some situations you or I may not know precisely what God wants (i.e., whether He will heal a person)..."

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But we are free to express our desires to Him according to His word, all the while asking Him to change our desires to accord with His will. And as we pray, we trust Him to bring about that which is best for us and most glorifying for Him."

~ David Platt

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5) When we pray in the name of Jesus, we are asking for something of the One who has all power and authority, but at the same time we are surrendering to His will.

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James 5:17-18 (CSB)

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