



## **ECO – Service of Prayer For Healing**

*Please feel free to respond using the words **in bold type***

### **Welcome and introduction**

#### **Opening responses**

We gather in your presence, God  
**in our need,**  
**and bringing with us the needs of the world.**

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,  
**and you know by experience what human life is like.**

We come with our faith and with our doubts:  
**we come with our hopes and with our fears.**

We come as we are, because you have invited us;  
**and you have promised never to turn us away.**

As we listen to some music, let us take this time to remember and bring before the Lord our loved ones and our concerns, our questions and our anxieties.

*A Short Video Sequence accompanied by music will be played*

Let us pray

Loving God, you gather us here tonight,  
here, where we have come together  
seeking your healing, strength and love.

*Pause*

You know us, God;  
you understand who we are,  
you know what troubles and puzzles us,  
what makes us smile and what makes us sad.  
You listen to our questions and our prayers.

*Pause*

You know the people we love, God,  
and the people we struggle with.  
Sometimes we hurt others;  
sometimes we hurt ourselves.

*Pause*

So, we bring our own hurt  
asking for your healing;  
and we bring the hurt we have caused others  
asking for forgiveness.

*Pause*

Listen to these words of Jesus,  
words that we can trust

'Do not be afraid'

'I love you'

'Your sins will be forgiven'

'I will be with you always'

Write these words in our hearts, loving God,  
let them take root in our living.

**Amen**

*There will be a reading from the Bible*

For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,  
**thanks be to God**

### **Prayers**

Loving God, we hold in your presence those who suffer pain and ill-health, with their families and friends and those who care for them

**May they know the deep peace of God**

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer in mind and spirit, and all who care for them

**May they know the deep peace of God**

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence the suffering people of our world, and the places where people are experiencing division, injustice and violence

**May they know the deep peace of God**

Lord we hold in your healing presence those facing bereavement.

**May they know the deep peace of God**

Loving god, we give you thanks for health restored and prayers answered.

**May they know the deep peace of God**

We hold in your presence those for whom we have been asked to pray and those who are known only to you.

**May they know the deep peace of God**

And we will name those we have been asked to pray for. At the end, there will be a period of silence, and if there are people known to you who are not on our list, please name them out loud.

*The names of those people for whom we have been asked to pray individually will be read out*

Jesus said "Come to me all you who are troubled and I will give your rest"

So come, you who are burdened by regrets and anxieties,  
you who are broken in body or in spirit,  
you who are torn by relationships and by doubts,  
you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions and injustices of our world.

A prayer as we welcome God's healing touch in our lives.

If you are praying with someone you may like to put your hand on their shoulder as you pray. If you are on your own you can put your hands together or hold them palm upwards.

Come for Jesus invites us to bring him our brokenness.

Spirit of the living God,  
present with us now,  
heal you in body, mind and spirit  
and free you from all that harms you,  
In Jesus' name  
Amen

God of compassion and love,  
we offer you all our suffering and pain.  
Give us strength to bear our weakness,  
healing even when there is no cure,  
peace in the midst of turmoil  
and love to fill the spaces in our lives.

God, our Creator, we are held in your everlasting arms.  
Jesus our Saviour, we are healed by your wounded hands.  
Holy Spirit, be present as we reach out to one another in love.

Watch now dear Lord  
with those who wake or watch or weep tonight  
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.  
Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ  
rest your weary ones,  
bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones,  
pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones,  
and all for your loves sakes. Amen

## Closing prayer and Blessing

Bless to us O God  
the stars that are above us  
the earth that is beneath us  
your image deep within us  
the rest that is before us.

**Amen**

On our heads and our houses  
**the blessing of God**

In our coming and going  
**the peace of God**

In our life and believing  
**the love of God**  
**At our end and new beginning**  
**the arms of God to welcome us**  
**and bring us home**  
**Amen.**