

The Healing Rosary

Jesus healed many people of physical, emotional, and spiritual afflictions during his short time on earth. In writing this Healing Rosary, the stories that I found most touching were the ones where the truly powerless were again made whole.

Jesus chose many approaches to his healing. Some people did not even have to ask him and they were healed, such as the woman he healed on the Sabbath. In some cases, Jesus was able to teach us lessons on how to treat others such as in the story of the foreign woman's daughter.

This rosary is written as a group prayer, but can just as easily be prayed silently by one person. As you pray this rosary, think of the areas in your life where you would like Jesus to heal you.

All: Dear Jesus, nourish my soul. When I am weary, wash my feet. When the storms of life threaten, calm the waves for me. When doubt consumes me, let me feel your presence. If I must wait, keep watch with me. When I grow complacent, send your holy angels to compel me. Let me hear your voice when my ears are closed to all others. Restore my sight when I am blind. Take my failings from me. Heal me and make me whole.

Leader: Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath (Luke 13:10-13)

One Sabbath Jesus was teaching in a synagogue. A woman there had an evil spirit that had kept her sick for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called out to her, "Woman, you are free from your sickness!" He placed his hands on her, and at once she straightened herself up and praised God.

All: *Our Father*

Leader: Jesus heal me. Straighten my spirit and make me whole.

All: My faith in you sustains me.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Lay your hands on me. Show me that I, too, can be healed.

All: My faith in you sustains me.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Let my faith be proof to others of your love.

All: My faith in you sustains me.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: When I hear your words I will glorify your name.

All: My faith in you sustains me.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Set me free from my infirmities – my heart and soul belong to you.

All: My faith in you sustains me.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: When I have lost all hope, and the wait for your presence seems too long, let me remember your promise of eternal life.

All: My faith in you sustains me.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: I receive relief from all doubt in your

presence, Lord.

All: My faith in you sustains me.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Let me return again to you, who heals all ailments.

All: My faith in you sustains me.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Call to me and set me free. Jesus, let me hear your voice.

All: My faith in you sustains me.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord, you who heal those who suffer in spirit, mind, and body.

All: My faith in you sustains me.

All: *Hail Mary*

All: *Glory Be*

Leader: Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter (Mark 5:21-24,35-42)

Jesus went back across to the other side of the lake. There at the lakeside a large crowd gathered around him. Jairus, an official of the local synagogue, arrived, and when he saw Jesus, he threw himself down at his feet and begged him earnestly, "My little daughter is very sick. Please come and place your hands on her, so that she will get well and live!" Then Jesus started off with him. So many people were going along with Jesus that they were crowding him from every side.

. . . some messengers came from Jairus' house and told him, "Your daughter has died. Why bother the teacher any longer?" Jesus paid no attention to what they said, but told him, "Don't be afraid, only believe." Then he did not let anyone else go on with him except Peter and James and John. They arrived at Jairus' house, where Jesus saw the confusion and heard all the loud crying and wailing. He went in and said to them, "Why all this confusion? Why are you crying? The child is not dead – she is only sleeping!"

They ridiculed him, so he put them all out, took the child's father and mother and his three disciples, and went into the room where the child was lying. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha, koum," which means, "Little girl, I tell you to get up!" She got up at once and started walking around. (She was twelve years old.) When this happened, they were

completely amazed.

All: *Our Father*

Leader: When my spirit is dead to you, lay your hands on me that I might live.

All: Let me die to earthly things. Let me live in you.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: I won't stop searching until I find you.

All: Let me die to earthly things. Let me live in you.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Come into my home, Lord. Bless my family.

All: Let me die to earthly things. Let me live in you.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: When I mourn for those I love, I will remember they are now in your presence.

All: Let me die to earthly things. Let me live in you.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: I will help to spread your teachings wherever I go.

All: Let me die to earthly things. Let me live in you.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: We will welcome you into our home as an honored guest.

All: Let me die to earthly things. Let me live in you.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: I will kneel before you and receive your gifts with humility.

All: Let me die to earthly things. Let me live in you.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Show me how to grow in faith each day.

All: Let me die to earthly things. Let me live in you.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: When I am tempted to take the easy way through life, may I awake to find you waiting for me.

All: Let me die to earthly things. Let me live in you.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Help me pass on my faith to my children.

All: Let me die to earthly things. Let me live in you.

All: *Hail Mary*

All: *Glory Be*

Leader: The Healing of Simon Peter's Mother-in-Law (Mark 1:29-31)

Jesus and his disciples, including James and John, left the synagogue and went straight to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever, and as soon as Jesus arrived, he was told about her. He went to her, took her by the hand, and helped her up. The fever left her, and she began to wait on them.

All: *Our Father*

Leader: I will serve you with loyalty and gratitude.

All: I will always welcome you into my home.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: When I cannot rise, or look at your face, lift me up, help me walk the path that leads to you.

All: I will always welcome you into my home.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: I will show hospitality to those I love.

All: I will always welcome you into my home.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: I will be patient with my children's friends, and treat everyone who comes into my home gently and with kindness.

All: I will always welcome you into my home.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Make me aware of the miracles that happen in my life everyday.

All: I will always welcome you into my home.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: I will tell others of your goodness.

All: I will always welcome you into my home.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: I will reach out to you in times of need.

All: I will always welcome you into my home.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: When I need help, show me where to go.

All: I will always welcome you into my home.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: I will let others who love you lead me closer to you.

All: I will always welcome you into my home.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Let me be a source of comfort to those who love me.

All: I will always welcome you into my home.

All: *Hail Mary*

All: *Glory Be*

Leader: A Woman's Faith (Mark 7:24-30)

Then Jesus left and went away to the territory near the city of Tyre. He went into a house and did not want anyone to know he was there, but he could not stay hidden. A woman, whose daughter had an evil spirit in her, heard about Jesus and came to him at once and fell at his feet. The woman was a Gentile, born in the region of Phoenicia in Syria. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. But Jesus answered, "Let us first feed the children. It isn't right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

"Sir," she answered, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's leftovers!"

So Jesus said to her, "Because of that answer, go back home, where you will find that the demon has gone out of your daughter!"

She went home and found her child lying on the bed; the demon had indeed gone out of her.

All: *Our Father*

Leader: You enrich my life by sending strangers to my door.

All: Jesus, show me how to love.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Show me how to be a true friend to those in need.

All: Jesus, show me how to love.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Help me to understand cultural differences.

All: Jesus, show me how to love.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: May every human being be recognized as a child of God.

All: Jesus, show me how to love.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: When you speak, help me to understand.

All: Jesus, show me how to love.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: I will show compassion to those who seek refuge.

All: Jesus, show me how to love.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Let my words reflect my love for you.

All: Jesus, show me how to love.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: In everything I do, I will praise your name.

All: Jesus, show me how to love.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Even when I need rest, I will continue to search for you.

All: Jesus, show me how to love.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Let my love for you be unquestioning.

All: Jesus, show me how to love.

All: *Hail Mary*

All: *Glory Be*

Leader: The Woman who Bled (Mark 5:25-34)

There was a woman who had suffered terribly from severe bleeding for twelve years, even though she had been treated by many doctors. She had spent all her money, but instead of getting better she got worse all the time. She had heard about Jesus, so she came in the crowd behind him, saying to herself, "If I just touch his clothes, I will get well."

She touched his cloak, and her bleeding stopped at once; and she had the feeling inside herself that she was healed of her trouble. At once Jesus knew that power had gone out of him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" His disciples answered, "You see how the people are crowding you; why do you ask who touched you?" But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. The woman realized what had happened to her, so she came, trembling with fear, knelt at his feet, and told him the whole truth. Jesus said to her, "My daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your trouble."

All: *Our Father*

Leader: The wait is long, but the rewards are great.
My faith in you will sustain me.

All: Dear Jesus, make me whole.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: I will serve you, even in suffering.

All: Dear Jesus, make me whole.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Whatever my poverty, strengthen me.

All: Dear Jesus, make me whole.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: When my soul cries out to you, answer me,
O Lord.

All: Dear Jesus, make me whole.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: You know what I need before I do.

All: Dear Jesus, make me whole.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Through love and honor, show me your
ways.

All: Dear Jesus, make me whole.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Let me love strangers as though they were
you.

All: Dear Jesus, make me whole.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: When I am lonely, I will search for you.

All: Dear Jesus, make me whole.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Guard me with your angels, protect me, and watch over me.

All: Dear Jesus, make me whole.

All: *Hail Mary*

Leader: Let me feel your presence, Jesus, heighten my awareness of your healing power in my life.

All: Dear Jesus, make me whole.

All: *Hail Mary*

All: *Glory Be*

End Together: Thank you, Jesus, for the blessings of today. Heal me as only you can. Open my eyes to see you. Open my ears to hear your voice. Open my mind to accept the path you have chosen for me. Open the gates of my heart, so that I can follow you. Amen.