

## SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR HEALING (*Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

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

*May they know the deep peace of Christ.*

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 Christ.*

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 Christ.*

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those struggling to overcome addiction or abuse, those supporting and working with them, and all whose suffering has distanced them from those who love.

*May they know the deep peace of Christ.*

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those facing bereavement. We also pray for those who have died.

*May they know the deep peace of Christ.*

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

We hold in your healing presence and peace those whose needs are not known to us... And those whose names we do not know, but who are known to you, and for whom we have been asked to pray...

And we name in our hearts those who are close to us.

*May they know the deep peace of Christ.*

May your wisdom, God, guide nurses, doctors, and those who work in every part of our Health Service and across the world.

*May they know the deep peace of Christ.*

(Intercessions are offered...)

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.

Glory to God, from who all love flows, glory to Jesus, who showed his love through suffering, and glory to the Holy Spirit, who brings light to the darkest places. *Amen.*