

Heal Us, O Lord

- All:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- Leader:** Gathered together in prayer, let us begin by hearing the words of Jesus in Scripture.

After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And leaving everything behind, he got up and followed him. Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were at table with them. The Pharisees and their scribes complained to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners."

(Luke 5:27–32)

- All:** Lord, give me the courage to follow you.
- Leader:** We all have difficulties. We are all broken or sick or not whole. God loves us anyway. God always does. Let us ask for his help as we struggle through the trials of our lives.
- All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That those who are physically ill will know the comfort of your mercy and have the courage to deal with what ails them.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That those who are struggling with mental and emotional illness will be wrapped in your loving arms and find peace.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That all who know the pain and separation caused by sin will want to reconcile with you and once again experience the joy of your friendship.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who suffer in ways known only to you. May they be comforted by your gentle touch.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, give us the courage to follow you.

All: We need you, Lord. Hear our prayers and come to heal us with your limitless love. We welcome you into our hearts. Amen.