## A Nod to Saint Francis

Lord, form me into an instrument of Your healing.

Let no wounds of body, mind or soul worsen in my care.

Where there is anger, forgiveness,

where there is pain and suffering, comfort and relief,

where there is depression and anxiety

Your peaceful presence may I bring.

O, Merciful Healer,

give me the compassion to enter into the sufferings of others while bringing Your love and consolation.

Allow me to humbly be Your healing touch, word and spirit.

You are the source of all my talents,

use me to restore the physical, emotional and spiritual health

of Your children here on earth,

so one day we may all be reunited in Your Eternal Presence.

Amen

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