

PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Living God, we are grateful in this moment for your presence within us and among us.

Please place within each of us in this moment your spirit of compassion, mercy, courage and generosity.

Awaken each of us to the importance of each encounter and decision today.

We ask you to be present in a tangible way to our patients who are *waiting* today: waiting for test results, waiting for a child to be born, waiting for a procedure to begin, waiting for a merciful death to come, waiting for an important conversation to begin,,,,, Be with each of our caregivers who bring news to and care for our patients and their loved ones.

May each *space* in which we find ourselves today- patient rooms, waiting areas, offices, meeting rooms, procedure rooms, patient homes, hallways, supply centers, transport vans—be a place of healing on many levels.

Bless the work of our *hands*-in surgery, in starting IV's, on telephones, on keyboards, holding mops and brooms and mechanical tools, preparing food, reassuring a patient ... Bless the work of our hands with the touch of your healing presence.

Finally, please teach us to look after the people with whom we work today. Help us to not take each other for granted and to celebrate the goodness within each of us.

May this be a holy and memorable and transformative day...

We pray in your holy name.

Amen

~Don Eggleston, System V. P. of Mission Integration, SSM Health