

Prayers for God's Healing and Restoration in Community

PSALM 147: 1-5

Praise the Lord.

How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.

PRAISE

Lord, as we gather today it is so good to sing our praises to you! It is pleasant and fitting to give you praise, for you are good. We praise you because you are the rebuilder of the City of God so you can dwell with us in peace. We sing praises because you gather those who have been cast out, you heal those who are heartbroken, you care for those who are hurting.

Only you, Creator, are so uncontainable as to know the number of stars and only you are so intimately connected to your creation that you call them by name.

You, Lord, are great and mighty in power. We will never comprehend what you know and do. We sing these words of praise in our hearts: "Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love."

PRAYER PROMPTS

We praise you today for being present with us when...

Thank you for your care, compassion, and healing for...

We praise you for your greatness and power, especially as shown in...

REQUESTS

Healer, we need you. We often try to fix things ourselves in the way we think things should be fixed. We judge those who are broke and who are hurting, instead of showing the compassion and care of Jesus. We come to the end of ourselves today and admit that it is not through our greatness or our power that true healing and restoration occur.

We need you, Lord, to be fully present in our community so that everyone can experience your peace. Just as you see each star and call it by name, help us to see those who have been marginalized, heartbroken, and hurting. For the ways that we have been complicit in casting people out, causing divisions, and hurting others in our community, we pray for your forgiveness. May your Spirit lead, guide, and work through us to bring healing and build community in this place.

PRAYER PROMPTS

Bring to mind these things for which we need forgiveness...

Healer, please restore those whose bodies, relationships, and souls are broken. We think of...

Comforter, please be near to those who are lonely, grieving, and struggling with mental health today. We think of...

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, continue to do the work of transforming our hearts to be like yours, longing for the world to see you and come to believe in you.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, who is at work within us,
Amen.

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