



A Prayer for the Healing of Our Church

Good and gracious God,
we ask for healing for our wounded Church
and a way forward through this time of despair.
We cry out to you for healing for the victims of abuse and for their families.
We cry out to you for healing for the lay faithful.
We cry out to you for healing for the clergy.
Grant our bishops the courage and wisdom
to work with the laity for the transformation of our Church.
Embrace your people with your compassionate mercy,
and restore our trust in the Church and its ministers.
Give us hope that the Church can be reformed by your grace
working in and through us.
May Jesus, the compassion of God,
draw us to himself in Word and Sacrament and send us forth
strengthened in faith to share his love with the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.