## **Blessing for the Sick**

Lord Jesus, when you were on earth, they brought the sick to you and you healed them all. Today I ask you to bless all those in sickness, in weakness, and in pain. For those who are blind and who cannot see the light of the sun; the beauty of the world, or the faces of their friends:

Bless your people, O Lord.

For those who are deaf and cannot hear the voices which speak to them: Bless your people, O Lord.

For those who are helpless and who must lie in bed while others go out and in: Bless your people, O Lord.

For those whose minds have lost their reason and those who are so nervous they cannot cope with life: Bless your people, O Lord.

For those who must face life under some handicap; those whose weakness means that they must always be careful: *Bless your people, O Lord.* 

For those suffering from debilitating or terminal illness and for their caregivers: Bless your people O Lord.

For those who are near the hour of death and in their final struggle: Bless your people, O Lord.

Father, your only Son took upon himself the sufferings and weakness of the whole human race; through his passion and cross he taught us how good can be brought out of suffering. Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill, whom we now remember in a special way. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul. We ask this though Christ our Lord.

Amen.