



# the Parish of St. Dunstan

A CHILDREN'S CATECHISM TO ECHO GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD

PART II: Our Church

Lesson 26: Anointing the Sick

This is the prayer we use to begin our church service:

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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I wonder if you have ever been sick.

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## 1. God heals us when we're sick



Being sick feels terrible. Sometimes it makes us feel all alone. Sometimes it makes us feel like we will never get better. And it makes us ask for help from others and from God.

God knows how we feel when we are sick. God is our healer. *Exodus 15:26*

Sometimes God heals us by taking our sickness away.

Sometimes God heals us by giving us the courage to be strong even when we are sick. When we pray for God's healing, we ask for the sickness to go away and we ask for courage.

God is always with us, especially when we are sick.



Activity: Colour these children praying.

# 2. We pray for each other

As followers of Jesus, we are part of God's Great Family. God's Great Family is committed to **praying for each other**. We pray that other people will be healed by God and be given courage in their sickness.

Here's how we can pray:

We pray to you for those in need, for the sick and the lonely, for the hurt and the frightened, and for those who live without hope (especially . . . ). **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*the Book of Alternative Services, page 691*

**Activity:** Think of someone who is sick, pray this prayer for them.

# 3. We use oil when we pray

We were **anointed with oil** at our **baptism** when Jesus woke us up.

We are **anointed** again when we are sick to remember we are still God's Beloved Children. God cares for God's children and so do the Followers of Jesus.

The **oil** we use is like a medicine for our hearts.

**Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, **anointing them with oil** in the name of the Lord.**

*James 5:14*

**Activity:**  
Colour the picture of this helper.  
I wonder how you can help others.

