

Jesus' name?

Many things can interfere with healing:

- A person must want to be healed. This does not mean simply wishing that the symptoms were relieved; it means wanting to be back in full health according to God's will.
- A person may not wish to follow the path God has provided for healing. When Naaman came to Elisha for healing he was instructed to wash seven times in the Jordan river. He didn't want to do it. If he had persisted in this path, he would not have been healed.
- The disease may not be primarily physical in source. It may be a matter of attitude, in which case spiritual healing is needed, or the result of spiritual oppression or bondage, in which case deliverance is needed.
- The person may be under the refining discipline of God.
- A person may refuse to do those things which

maintain health. For example, a smoker may request healing from emphysema while continuing smoking. On the one hand he is requesting God's miraculous power, while he is rejecting God's natural means of healing.

Who can pray for healing?

Anyone. We may wish to pray in different ways as the Spirit directs each one. Remember that it is not volume, wording, or some set of magical actions, but rather the power of God that heals people.

What should the role of the church be in healing?

The church is the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12, 13). We show Jesus to the world (1 John 1:1-3). Jesus constantly reached out to heal those in need. If the church wants to follow his example we must be a community of healing. We must reach out to provide both spiritual and physical healing, and to sustain those who are healed.

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Christ carried the burden of our sins. He was nailed to the cross, so that we would stop sinning and start living right. By his cuts and bruises you are healed.
— 1 Peter 2:24

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Does the Lord want you to be healthy?

The diseased state is not a natural one for the human body. When God completed His creation of people, he pronounced the work very good (Genesis 1:31). Disease is often viewed in scripture as a punishment (Exodus 15:26), but Jesus indicated that often it was not (John 9:1-5).

I hope that you are as strong in body, as I know you are in spirit. — 3 John 2

How should one pray for healing?

There are a number of ways to pray for someone for their healing.

The elders of the church, or church leaders, may anoint a person with oil, and pray for their healing.

If you are sick, ask the church leaders to come and pray for you. Ask them to put olive oil on you in the name of the Lord. If you have faith when you pray for sick people, they will get well. The Lord will heal them, and if they have sinned, he will forgive them.

The LORD heals us when we are sick. — Psalm 103:3

based on the amount of my faith?

Very often Jesus forgave sins at the same time that he healed people. In Matthew 9:1-8 we are told of a crippled man who was healed by Jesus. First, however, Jesus told the man that his sins were forgiven (verse 2).

"But I will show you that the Son of Man has the right to forgive sins here on earth." So Jesus said to the man, "Get up! Pick up your mat and go on home." The man got up and went home. — Matthew 9:7

Here the physical healing is a sign of the spiritual healing that has already taken place. It makes it clear that the forgiveness has occurred.

Does the person receiving healing have to have faith?

God desires that the person who is healed physically also be brought into a good relationship with Him. Jesus often indicated that the person who was receiving healing had been healed because of their faith.

But He also spoke healing upon those who did not know Him nor exhibit great faith in the power of God (Matthew 9:18-26; John 11:1-44; Acts 9:36-43).

It may be necessary for the person who prays for someone else's healing to pray also for faith for them to receive healing.

Does seeking medical treatment indicate a lack of faith?

Some people believe that if you seek medical treatment, you are denying God's power to heal. But God is the creator, the ultimate source of the knowledge which allows people to design remedies and procedures that will heal people.

We should not reject one form of the power of God in order to depend on another. Rather, we should seek God's will in prayer, and make use of all that He provides to us for our healing.

Will everyone be healed if I pray for them in

Is the outcome of healing