

A MOMENT OF HEALING BLESSINGS

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We Cannot Measure How You Heal

by John L. Bell and read by Jeff Ridley

*We cannot measure how You heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.*

*The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.*

*So some have come who need Your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make Your broken people whole.*

INVITATION TO HEALING

All who wish to receive anointing and healing blessing are invited to come forward. Come and receive Christ's healing touch to make you whole in body, mind, and spirit. Those who remain seated are invited to pray for those on our prayer list or to write a prayer gram for a person in need of God's healing and mercy. If you want a prayer gram card, raise your hand. One of our ushers will bring it to you. You can place it in the offertory plate during the offertory

Anointing with Oil

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