



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	James 5	Title:	Praying for the Sick
Author	Ps Matthew Tan		
Introduction/ Summary of Chapter	The Book of James sets out to show us how it looks like to have faith in Christ. Chapter 5 warns those who are rich not to oppress others and encourages believers to be patient during suffering because the Lord is coming back soon. Then it talks about those suffering in sickness and how to pray for one another to be healed.		

Key Verse(s) NLT How does it speak to me?

<p><i>¹³ Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. ¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.</i></p>	<p>I believe that this is a very powerful picture of how the church can support one another when it comes to praying for the sick.</p> <p>Last year in July, Grace Assembly moved the Healing Room Ministry online via J333 Supernatural. The idea is for Gracians to visit their unwell family and loved ones and tune in to J333 Supernatural with them while the healing team leads in prayer.</p> <p>What we witnessed really touched our hearts. We saw families tuning in from their homes, even from hospital wards. There are family members tuning in from overseas as well, and later requested to be in the same breakout room to support their loved ones in Singapore. We ended the year with 77 healing testimonies, and we only started counting from July onwards. I know, 777 right? Perfect number! Thank you, Jesus!</p> <p>One particular healing testimony which really amazed me was how the team prayed for a 93 year-old man with liver cancer over Zoom. We did not expect much due to his age, as no treatment or surgery is recommended. Her daughter brought him to the healing meeting and there the team prayed for him by faith. Her daughter testified that his tumor later shrank by one third in size in a subsequent CT scan. She is praying for complete healing. Praise the Lord! It was such an encouragement to all of us.</p> <p>All things are possible with Jesus! We also heard of how healing happened when young children prayed for their parents. We even saw demons cast out, over Zoom. Indeed, when we pray for one another in faith, supernatural healing takes place. In this new year, let us turn our eyes upon Jesus, expect the supernatural. The Lord will do new things among us.</p>
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APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	Do you know someone who is not well, why not you call them and pray with them, or invite them to the J333 Supernatural?
Youth:	Do you know someone in your class/school who is not well? Why not send them a prayer via text message?
Child:	Is any of your family members are not feeling well? Why don't you pray for them to be healed in Jesus' name?

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Lord Jesus, let your healing anointing come upon those of us who are not well in the body. I break these sicknesses right now, be it cancer, or bone issues, or knee pain, back pain, I break them in the name of Jesus. I command the pain to leave right now. In Jesus' name. Amen.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.