

CMAI Healing Ministry Sunday

2010

Order of Worship

SHARING THE PAIN

14 February 2010



CHRISTIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

INTRODUCTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Every year, the second week of February is observed as CMAI Healing Ministry Week, and it is a time when we, as the Church in India, renew and deepen our commitment to health, healing and wholeness. It includes a week of Bible studies, a CMAI Day of Prayer and the Healing Ministry Sunday on 14 February 2010.

The theme this year is "Sharing the Pain". Each of us goes through pain of one kind or another – as individuals, families, institutions and communities. These experiences make us feel rejected, isolated, targeted, wronged and angry with specific people or society at large. It is not easy to share this pain with others – we fear being targeted, ridiculed, mocked, criticised, etc. But by not sharing the pain, we often become even more isolated. At the same time, as Christians we are called to share the pain of those who are suffering, even though it may be personally difficult for us to do so.

This exercise of sharing one another's pain is a calling and an opportunity. It strengthens and heals not only the one who is in pain, but also the one who seeks to share in this pain. It also helps us, as a larger community, to understand how we cause pain to one another, and to thus avoid doing so.

My earnest request to you is to observe the Healing Ministry Week in each of your congregations, hospitals and institutions. I assure you it will be enriching. The Bible studies accompanying the Order of Worship are meaningful not only to hospitals and healthcare professionals, but also for congregations, women and youth fellowships, schools, colleges and individuals. Congregations across the country are observing CMAI Healing Ministry Sunday, asking member health professionals to participate in the service, inviting youth and other groups to interpret the theme, saying a special prayer for the sick, and commissioning health professionals in the congregation as the 'healing mission' of that congregation. A hospital in Maharashtra arranges speakers in over 40 congregations on Healing Ministry Sunday. Another in Andhra Pradesh organises services in different Christian institutions on each day of the week. At a school in Kolkata, the Bible studies are discussed by the teachers during the week.

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Let me close by seeking your support for the ministry of CMAI through prayer and by observing the Healing Ministry Sunday and Week in your congregations.

We would be grateful if you and your congregation could also contribute to CMAI's ministry. Our work depends on your support, and all donations received will be used to support the healing mission of India's mission hospitals. I trust that we will have your support to make Healing Ministry 2010 meaningful.

With warm regards, in Christ,



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Order of Worship

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. OPENING SONG

3. WELCOME

4. INTRODUCING THE HEALING MINISTRY:

The Healing Ministry is of God, and God is the great healer of His creation.

Why did God institute the Healing Ministry?

All of us know that each one's disobedience brought hurt in the relationship with God. In spite of this, God in His Mercy wants us to return to Him with reconciliation, and to stay with Him. Though God uses each one of us as His instrument to bring healing in us and in others, yet none of us is the healer of another. The God-given responsibility lies with every human being to bring healing in human society.

What is required to regain the lost image and likeness is a relationship with Him, in the true sense, in our day-to-day life. Healing, in every aspect of life, is necessary for a healthy relationship with God and also with others. God enables each of us to manage our emotional, financial, physical, relational and social hurts and provides us with opportunities for a happy and healthy life on earth.

So, let each of us begin the process of reconciliation and reach the goal of being happy and healthy by His grace and mercy.

5. CALL TO WORSHIP:

The great healer has brought us thus far with health and happiness. While we were facing pain and suffering, sorrow and grief, discomfort and dissatisfaction, and problems and failures, He was with us. We are gathered in the awesome presence of this wonderful God. Come let us worship Him and express our gratitude.

6. THANKSGIVING:

We give thanks to You, O God, for Your protection and providence in our past life; guiding and leading us in every situation, both good and bad.

We sing praises to You, O God, for revealing Your love through our parents, siblings, friends and relatives, and for their contributions to our life.

We exalt You, O God, for the health and strength given to us through Your people who are serving as doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, pastors, counsellors, hospital chaplains, and hospital administrators.

We join our hands and hearts to bless You, O God, for our leaders, both religious and secular, and for their ability to lead us in spite of the disturbances within and without.

Accept us and our thanksgiving, though blemished they are. In Your holy name we pray, Amen.

7. **CONFESSION: (AS IN THE LITURGY)**

8. **ABSOLUTION: (AS IN THE LITURGY)**

9. **SCRIPTURE PORTIONS:**

First Lesson	-	Job	1:20 - 22
		Psalms	13 (if required)
Second Lesson	-	Romans	12:14 - 21
Third Lesson	-	Mark	12:28-34

(Songs at the usual intervals)

10. **MESSAGE**

11. **CREED (AS IN THE LITURGY) AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

12. **INTERCESSION:**

We come before Your throne of Grace, O God, realising our failure to understand Your will and purpose in creating humankind and for our failure in being caring for others, especially towards those who are in more need than ourselves.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, O God

We come before Your throne of grace, O God, repenting for not being part of the Healing Ministry, though commissioned for that, and for not being helpful to those who are serving people in need.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, O God

We come before Your throne of Grace, O God, praying and thanking You for all the healthcare professionals and institutions. We thank You especially for the 332 mission hospitals and 9000 plus healthcare professionals who are with CMAI and are committed to the healthy life of every human being. We pray for Your continued blessings upon them and their services.

(Silence)

Lord in Your mercy, hea our prayer

We come before Your throne of Grace, O God, especially praying for those who are affected and infected by dreadful diseases, and seek that You intervene in their lives and assure them of Your continued guidance till the last.

(Silence)

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen

13. **OFFERTORY SONG**

14. **CONCLUDING PRAYERS, THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE BLESSING**

(AS IN THE LITURGY)

15. **IF THIS IS A HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE, THEN TO CONTINUE WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER.**
