

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE HEALING MINISTRY

SUNDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2017

Theme: *“Partnering together in the Healing Ministry of the Church”*

1. Call to Worship: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

2. Welcome: In the name of our Lord and Savior we welcome each one of you to the Healing Ministry Sunday worship service. This day is set apart to remember and celebrate the healing that our creator God has made possible for each one of us as members of the body of Christ.

3. Opening Prayer/Collect for the Day: Almighty God our source of life. Thank you for this special occasion to praise and thank you for those who work and contribute to heal your creation. We thank you for the gift of healing which we can share with one another. We appreciate your constant watch and nurture to strengthen the hands that contribute in helping the people of God to experience your health healing and wholeness. Bless your church, your body with your healing to help those who struggle to understand and have a grip of life and its challenges. May the healing ministry strengthen each one of us and enable us to truly fulfill your purpose of creating us.

Help us Lord as we partner together to make this world a blessed place to live. May your blessings continue to abide with us in all our efforts to enhance the healing ministry of the Church. Enrich us through your continued presence. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

4. Opening Hymn : Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart

5. Apostles Creed/Nicene Creed/Thanksgiving/ Confession and Absolution (as in liturgy)

6. Scripture Readings:

1st Bible Reading : Psalm 43:1-5

2nd Bible Reading : Ephesian 4:1, 11-16

3rd Bible Reading : Mathew 16:15-20

7. Introduction to the healing ministry

The healing ministry of Jesus Christ is based on the compassionate care of Christ. He likes every individual to have the wholeness of life. The healing is multidimensional - spiritual, mental, physical, emotional and social. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the source of every healing from the beginning till now. In India, the healing ministry formally began in 1905 by a group of missionaries called Medical Missionary Association of India (MMA) and in 1926 it was renamed as Christian Medical Association of India. Today CMAI has about 300 Christian mission hospitals which include two prestigious medical colleges in Ludhiana and Vellore. It also brings together more than ten thousand dedicated Christian health professions in the ministry of healing. It has gone from strength to strength by contributing to the different health care needs of our country. CMAI members have done pioneering work in several areas like leprosy, tuberculosis, malaria and HIV/AIDS. The goal of CMAI is to serve the churches in India by assisting in its ministry of healing to build a just and healthy society in response to the love and command of Christ.

8. The suggested Sermon outline

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“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. (RSVMat 16:15-20)

Introduction:

The focus on the church the body of Christ from which we deserve strength, power, healing and purpose. Church is the healing centre of God, a power house from where God operates his plans.

You are Christ the Son of Living God

- The strength that comes from knowing Jesus Christ as the source of our life
- The power of knowing a living God makes us healers in the Church
- The knowledge of Christ gives freedom to transform, build and nurture God's people

On This rock I will build my Church

- The rock is human and constantly changing- still we contribute to life as Christ is unchanging
- Church a dynamic building made of people with varied talents are portrayed together

- God's spirit helps in growth of the church bringing healing and wholeness
- The rock symbolizes the strength and sturdiness to take us to the goal/destination

The powers of death shall not prevail against it

- The invincible church
- The unconquered church
- No power can annihilate the presence of church
- We are part of the church that has power to heal and restore the creation of God

Conclusion:

Church is a force to reckon with, as an undefeatable group of people who represent the eternal body, the church and those who believe in Jesus Christ as the Lord and savior, own and belong to the Church. We are privileged to contribute in and through this body.

Prayer: Father, we thank you for your son, who has helped each one of us to experience healing as your children. Pray Oh God, that you will strengthen the church in its mission to preach, teach and heal your creation. Help us O God to listen and understand your strategies for people and make a difference as your church. We pray that you will help us to prevail in all situation and challenges, in the ministry of healing. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

9. Intercession

Our loving heavenly father we thank you for making us in your image to understand, tend and nurture the world you have made for each one of us. Help us in our journey of life to care for each other and tend one another who need support and care.

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord and heavenly father we pray for your church that we may truly take forward your vision and dream for your people. To be messengers of your healing and to rebuild people.

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord we pray for all those individual members who contribute at different levels in the healing team to truly work together for the wellbeing of your people. We ask you to help every health professional who treats sick people, give them the support, skill to diagnose and treatment and help in the healing process.

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God we pray for all CMAI institution and individual members who are spread across the length and breadth of our country to show forth the love of your son to the sick and suffering. Help all those who are struggling to be relevant and effective in the ministry of healing.

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord we pray for CMAI which is the health arm of the churches in India to truly help people, your church to address issues that hinders people not to enjoy the abundance of life. Bless the work of your church to serve the people that will make a difference to your people in improving the quality of life.

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen

(The Leader may add other prayer requests and conclude with a Pastoral prayer).

Song (Offertory)

(If the Eucharist is celebrated, kindly continue the liturgy of the communion service and conclude with closing prayer and Benediction).

Offering collected during the Healing Ministry Sunday

can be sent to:

**CMAI Office, Plot No.2, A-3 Local Shopping Centre, Janakpuri,
New Delhi**

by Demand Draft / Cheque in favour of 'CMAI, New Delhi'

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