

# Healing Prayer at St John's

**Healing Prayer Ministry  
Renewal Sunday Ministry Fair  
September 8, 2024**



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# Healing Prayer has Been Part of the Judeo-Christian Tradition From Its Beginnings



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So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

*1 Samuel 16:13*



“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him....” After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. <sup>7</sup> “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam”. So the man went and washed and came home seeing.

*John 9:1-6*



Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

*Acts 3: 6-7*



# Healing Prayer...

1. Fully grounded in Scripture
2. Integral part of Judeo-Christian tradition and practice throughout our history and to this day
3. Objectively beneficial for both health and healing



# How Do I Get Healing Prayer at SJNP?



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After you receive communion, make your way into the small lobby to the right of the Altar – the lobby area is referred to as the Healing Prayer Chapel



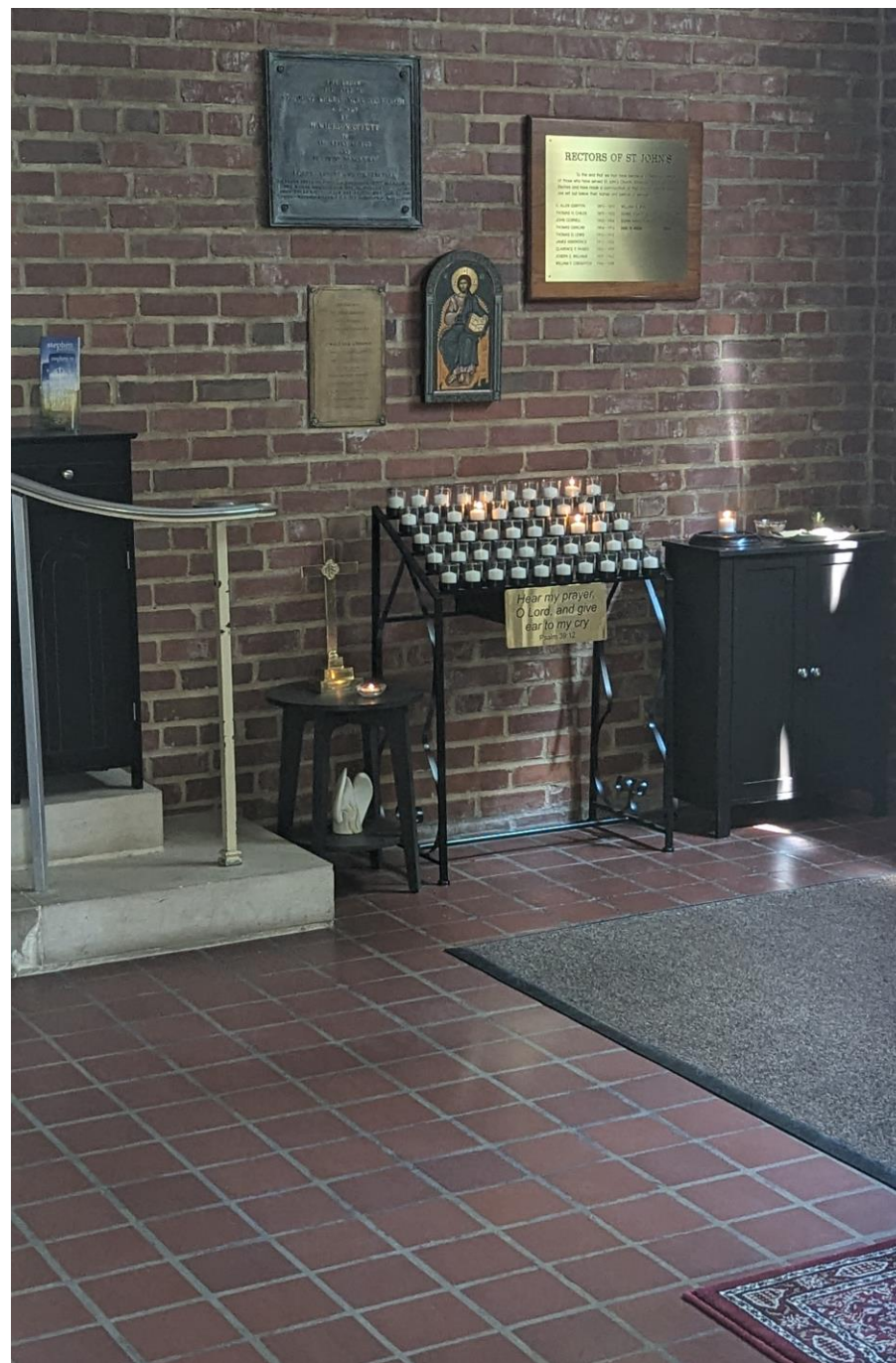


- ❖ You may kneel or stand. You need not say anything, but you can ask for prayers on your or anyone's behalf.
- ❖ Prayer minister offers one of 3 very brief prayers while placing their hands on your shoulders and head and then also makes a small sign of the cross with oil on your forehead.
- ❖ Afterwards, simply return to your pew in church.





Feel free to light a votive  
candle if you wish



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# Confidentiality

- ❖ Who came for prayer & what was shared (if anything) is not spoken of or shared **with anyone**
- ❖ Exception – a personal crisis that is serious enough to cause alarm – we pass that on to Clergy for consideration for pastoral care
- ❖ We do not later approach a prayer recipient -- they can approach us. A close friend, maybe, but the primary rule is it all stays in the Healing Prayer Chapel



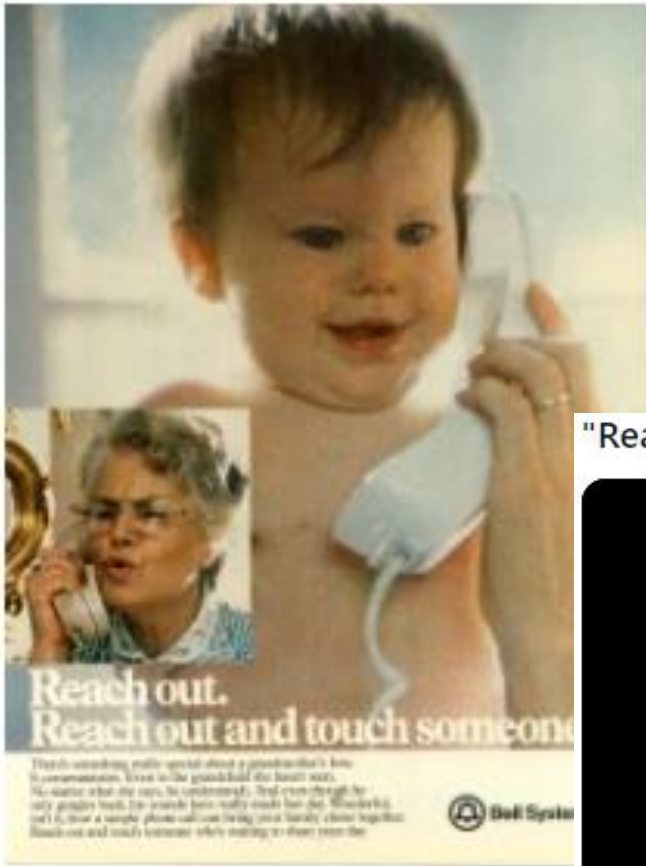
For most believers, it isn't a substitute for data-based solutions. It is a personal resource that complements other thoughtful action.

Clay Routledge, Commenting on a Pew Report  
<https://www.nationalreview.com/author/clay-routledge/>



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To reach out and touch someone is simply a natural human expression of our basic desire to care for others we care about....

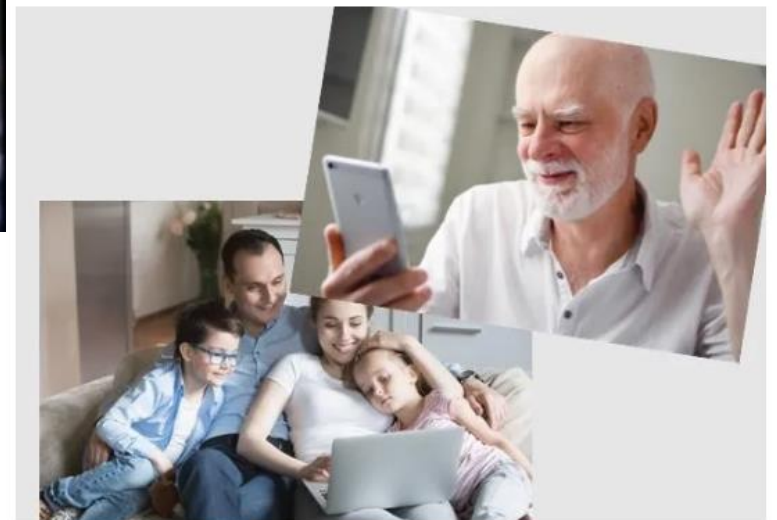


"Reach Out and Touch Someone" ATT TV ad 1970s



## Reach Out and Touch Someone Has Important New Meaning

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# Questions?



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Please ask Tom Hebert, Peter Plocki, or Rector Ateek....