

# Healing Prayer at St. John's Norwood



- + Practiced since the inception of Christianity and its Judeo antecedents.
- + Christians long identified and respected for their care for the sick, elderly, widowed and poor.
- + If you would like prayers said for you....after receiving Communion, enter the small lobby (Healing Prayer Chapel) to the right of the Altar.
- + 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 the 3 very brief prayers on the reverse of this page while placing their hands on your shoulders and head and then also makes a small sign of the cross with oil on your forehead.
- + After the prayer is finished, return to the church and your pew.
- + Who came for prayer & what was shared (if anything) is not spoken of or shared **with anyone**. An exception may be made if there is a personal crisis that is serious enough to cause alarm – that would be passed on confidentially to Clergy.
- + Prayer minister does not later approach a prayer recipient – with the exception, maybe, if the recipient and minister are close friends. But the primary rule is it all stays in the Healing Prayer Chapel.
- + What can happen during healing prayer is both practical and part of the mystery of faith where healing and curing don't always mean the same thing.
- + If questions, please contact Tom Hebert or Peter Plocki

## **PRAYER 1**

Come Holy Spirit , and with the laying on of hands and anointing of oil, in the name of Jesus Christ, fill this, your faithful servant, with the healing power of your love. Amen

## **PRAYER 2**

Faithful God, source of all love and healing, be with your servant now, comfort and strengthen *her*, guide and protect *her* and fill her with the healing power of your love. Amen.

## **PRAYER 3**

I lay my hands upon you and anoint you with oil in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, asking God to uphold you and fill you with grace and to grant you healing for your mind, body and spirit. Amen