

To facilitate this rite of healing for the very ill or dying, you may want to procure some **oil** (any kind will do; if you have time you might like a scented version; a cup of **water**. A **cloth** to apply the oil (if you prefer that to using your hand). Quiet instrumental **music** before and after the rite may be soothing. Music is not necessary. The anointing with oil and blessing with water can be omitted if those involved prefer or there is no time.



FINAL BLESSING



***May the Light of your Soul
fill you now, bless you,
and keep you in love.***

***May you know
a deep and abiding peace
in this moment
and forever.***

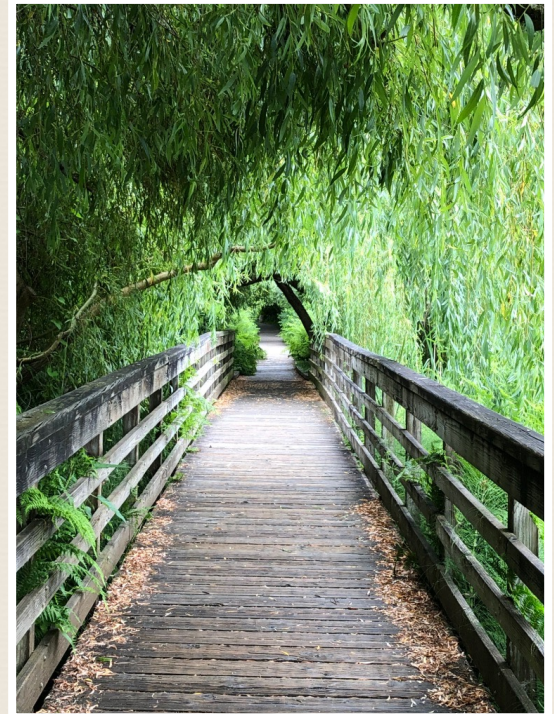
Rite healing for the sick and dying
(unaffiliated with a religious tradition)

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A HEALING RITE



***May the Spirit of Love
be your help through this day,
be your guard
through this night,
your companion on the way.***





Who this rite is designed to serve.

This healing rite has been crafted to support the sufferers of the coronavirus and their caregivers in this time of a global pandemic, especially those who express no formal religious affiliation.

Many religiously unaffiliated sense a Spiritual Presence in them and beyond them. They may feel most comfortable with the doctors and nurses or family and friends who have been with them to help them spiritually at this time, rather than an ordained minister. Caregivers may want to help, but not be able to find words in the stress of the moment.

I hope the tool of this simple rite may be help caregivers of the sick or dying to attend to the spiritual health of the one they care for. The blessings in this rite are for all open to receiving .

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A RITE OF HEALING FOR THE SICK

This rite is designed for someone wanting spiritual support during an illness or when approaching death. The person need not be affiliated with any particular organized religion. One need not be an ordained to lead this rite. A nurse, doctor, or family member, or friend can preside; anyone the ill person desires to have with them at this time is welcome to participate.

IN GRATITUDE FOR YOU

(If possible draw near and touch the person.) We gather [/ stand] here, **NAME**, grateful for the gift you are to us [me]. We/I value that you have shared your life and love with us/me. We/I bless all that you have been, all that you are and all you will be. We/I welcome the Source of Healing Love among us now.



We are grateful for the gift of you.



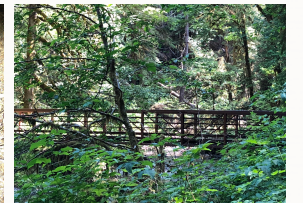
We value that you have shared your life and love with us.

ASSURING FORGIVENESS

You have given wonderful form to the mystery of Love throughout your life. We/I remember the many ways you have loved us/me and cared for yourself and others. If you sense now any failures to love in your life, we/I surround those memories with understanding and forgiveness



You have given wonderful shape to the mystery of Love



We remember the many ways you have loved and cared for us.

BLESSING WITH OIL AND WATER, IF DESIRED

We/I mark you now with oil, inviting the Spirit of Love to heal your head, heart, hands, and feet. We/I sprinkle you with water, to refresh and renew you in body, mind and soul. May you live, move, and have your being in peace. (Final blessing on back panel of brochure.)



We sprinkle water to refresh and renew you..



May you be well, happy, and at peace.