



Trust In Difficult Sickness

My son, when you are ill, do not delay, but pray to God who heals. Flee wickedness and purify your hands; cleanse you heart of every sin.¹ It is the Lord who will instruct you and show you the way you should walk, give you counsel keeping his eye on you.² Neither herb nor application cured those bitten by the serpents but your all-healing word, O Lord!³

Lord, I am stooped and bowed down profoundly; all the day I go in mourning. My loins are filled with burning pains; there is no health in my flesh, I am numbed and severely crushed. I roar with anguish of heart.⁴ Do not forsake me, O Lord; my God, be not far from me.⁵ Hasten to answer me, Lord for my spirit fails me.⁶ My strength has failed through affliction.⁷ Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your kind spirit guide me on ground that is level.⁸ Have pity on me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my body is in terror.⁹

Lord, guide me so that I may not be among those who look and look, but never perceive; listen and listen, but never understand; those who avoid changing their ways and be healed.¹⁰

Because I kept silent, my bones wasted away...then I declared my sin to you; my guilt I did not hide. I said, "I confess my transgression to the Lord," and you took away my sin.¹¹ This forgiveness replicates the words you spoke to the paralytic before healing him.¹²

Indeed I acknowledge my guilt, I grieve over my sin.¹³ O Lord, my God, I cry out to you and you heal me.¹⁴

I trust in you Lord and my soul trusts in your word.¹⁵

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¹ Sirach 38:9

² Psalm 32:8

³ Wisdom 16:12

⁴ Psalm 38: 7-9

⁵ Psalm 38:22

⁶ Psalm 143:7

⁷ Psam 31:11

⁸ Psalm 143:10

⁹ Psalm 6:3

¹⁰ Mark 4:12

¹¹ Psalm 32:3-5

¹² Mark 2:1-12

¹³ Psalm 38:19

¹⁴ Psalm 30:3

¹⁵ Psalm 130:5

