



**The Lord's  
Prayer For  
Everyone**

**Ta Īnoi A  
Te Ariki Mā  
Te Katoa**

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**Our Father in heaven –**

Our healing skills, like all skills, are your gifts.

**Hallowed be your name –**

Through your name creation is formed, the broken are made whole and healing made possible. Your name is indeed holy.

**Your kingdom come –**

Jesus tells us your reign is without tears or pain and filled only with joy and gladness. As doctors and surgeons this is our goal – to bring your reign into the lives of all who, in this life, suffer illness and disease, sorrow and loss.

**Your will be done on earth as in heaven –**

As the giver of life, your will is for love to motivate, precede and follow all behaviour; for people to care for one another and the earth that supports them. Strengthen us to be ministers of your healing touch, that life and the dignity of all be our first consideration.

**Give us this day our daily bread –**

In medicine, each day presents new challenges as each patient carries differing needs. Feed us with the daily bread of tenderness, kindness and compassion – food that will empower us to listen carefully, to withhold judgement – food that will empower us to listen carefully, to withhold judgement and to always see the patient as a person.

**Forgive us our sins –**

For the times we have rushed a clinic unnecessarily, misdiagnosed through lack of attention, allowed tiredness to darken our mood – for the many ways we have misused our position and hurt rather than healed – forgive us.

**As we forgive those who sin against us –**

We recognise this condition to being forgiven. It is like denying treatment and the comfort this would bring. Help us to be forgiving, regardless of how we might have been hurt. We know the pain of carrying the burden of guilt.

**Save us from the time of trial –**

We can take advantage of the awe in which our profession is held. We can settle for the least effort and still be thanked and praised. We can belittle, embarrass, and take our social standing for granted. Save us from falling into these traps and others like them.

**Deliver us from evil –**

Our profession equates with life. We are called to serve life, to protect life, to give life every chance. Yet there is much in society that is against life, threatens life, refuses to recognise life. Deliver us from whatever is harmful to life.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**



**Our Father in heaven –**

You care deeply for your children. As a nurse I feel especially close to you.

**Hallowed be your name –**

I accept those in my care as a sacred trust, gifted by you.

**Your kingdom come –**

Jesus ushered in your kingdom by healing the sick and the lame and binding up broken hearts. This is the beautiful vocation of nursing. I want to be part of enabling your kingdom to embrace the whole world.

**You will be done on earth as in heaven –**

To strengthen weak hands, make firm trembling knees; to bring joy and gladness to replace sorrow and sighing. This, from the prophet Isaiah (35:1-10), is what you want for your people. In my nursing may I help to fulfil your will.

**Give us today our daily bread –**

The bread of understanding, of listening and compassion; the bread of your company to sustain my vision; bread to keep me grounded, making space and time for myself. This is the daily bread I need, dear God,

**Forgive us our sins –**

Long exposure to the sick and suffering can set me up for personal failure. Discontent, resentment, escape into pleasure, self-pity, intolerance, prejudice..., so easily break through my defences. Forgive the harm I have done to myself and to others; for caring for myself at the expense of those in my care.

### **As we forgive those who sin against us –**

I really want this to be a feature of my life. My nursing instincts assure me that forgiving, not holding grudges or seeking revenge, preserve both energy and health. In my work I have come to realise that, as Jesus has shown us, so much of what gives offence comes from people who do not know what they are doing.

### **Save us from the time of trial –**

There are times when I feel like giving up nursing. Frustration with bureaucracy, personality clashes, difficult shifts, exhaustion, obstinate, rude, or ungrateful patients, test my commitment and have me questioning my value or my ability. Yet I know nursing is my calling. Save me from the time of trial.

### **Deliver us from evil –**

As a nurse I am a channel for good but can also be confronted by evil – nursing someone who has destroyed life or who has no moral compass; confronting threatening behaviour or abusive colleagues; having my own values challenged or disrespected... Shelter me lest my love grow cold and my caring skills dissolve.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**