Loving God, you companion us in all of our life journeys. We ask for the powerful strength of your Spirit with us at this time as we accompany ………………….in his/her serious illness. Give us, we pray, the courage to face our own fears so we may be your voice and hands to comfort to him/her them in their pain and uncertainty. Give us, we pray, the certainty of faith so we can support each other and reach out in love and hope and peace to ………………… and truly believe that whatever the future, the Spirit of Jesus, your Son and our brother, walks with us always andwill comfort us. Amen.

**Loving God, you gave strength and courage to your Son Jesus on his journey to the cross. We put before you today ………………………………… who is/are bearing their own cross of suffering as they face serious illness. May they, like Jesus, feel the closeness of your presence with them in their illness. We ask that the Spirit of Jesus be a source of courage and strength to their families and all who walk this journey with them. May we be your voice, your touch, your consoling presence. And may our faith in your promises sustain us and bring us all one day into your kingdom of justice and peace where you reign with Jesus and the Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Loving God, source and destiny of all life, we ask for your gentle and comforting presence with…………………………. as he/she/they struggle with illness. Give them, we pray, the courage and hope of faith in your promises. Be near to their families in their fear and confusion and sorrow. May we, who walk this journey with them, be a source of strength and endurance as they wait, in hope, for the healing Spirit of Jesus, your son, to comfort them and bring them peace.

Let us put before God, source and destiny of all life, our prayers and concerns for ……………….. in their time of illness and pain; and ourselves, who walk this journey with them:

We pray for courage in the face of serious illness….. Lord hear us. Hear us, our living God

We pray for healing of spirit and the consolation of faith in God’s promises. Lord Hear us. Hear us, our living God

We pray for the hope that faith in Jesus brings. Lord hear us. Hear us, our living God

We pray for the Spirit of Consolation for their families in their worries and confusion. Lord hear us. Hear us, our living God

We pray for perseverance, patience and the healing power of love. Lord Hear us. Hear us, our living God

We pray for the faith to believe Jesus goes before us always, even when death is at our side. Lord Hear us. Hear us, our living God

Eternal, living God, we ask that you hear our prayers in this time of illness, struggle, waiting and death. Be our source of courage and hope and may our faith in Jesus bring us all, at our time, to life with you forever. This we ask in his name. Amen.