

HEALING PEOPLE

The General Board of Global Ministries is the international mission agency of The United Methodist Church, its annual conferences, missionary conferences and local congregations. For more on GBGM, visit www.gbgm.umc.org.

Global Ministries goals for 2008-2012 are:

Strengthen existing health ministries that address the killer diseases of poverty. Work with 10 mission partners and related hospitals and clinics to increase their capacity to respond to the basic health needs in their area, with a special focus on HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.

Facilitate community-based primary health care. Equip church and community members in ways to prevent and treat illness; use mission volunteers as community-health trainers.

Recruit, train, and send medical missionaries. Build upon the work already happening in Africa, Asia and Latin America through additional medical missionaries.

Educate congregations about global health issues. Increase knowledge about global health through age-appropriate study materials, educational opportunities and conferences.

Reduce alcohol and drug abuse. Work with annual conference and congregations globally to prevent and respond to violence and other abuses associated with addictions.



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Prayers for Healing




I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

— Matthew 25:36

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| |  www.ngumc.org | | | 1 God, we pray for healing, for strength, and for your continued presence today. Mark 5:36 | 2 God, assure me that no illness can separate me (or anyone) from the love of Jesus Christ. Romans 8:35 | 3 God, grant peace, rest, and comfort to families whose loved ones are suffering. Psalm 23:23 |
| 4 God, teach me to live in the present and enjoy today rather than worrying about tomorrow. John 10:10 | 5 God, we pray for doctors as they make decisions about the best course of treatment for each patient. 1 Corinthians 12:9 | 6 God, we pray for everyone going through radiation and chemotherapy or awaiting cancer treatment. Psalm 73:26 | 7 God, no matter what I am facing, help me to always give thanks for the many blessings I have received. Psalm 100:3 | 8 God, thank you for all the people who have prayed for and cared for me and my family in times of sickness. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 | 9 God, help me to trust you with my whole heart and not try to lean on my own understanding. Proverbs 3:5 | 10 God, thank you for doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and all those you have called to make healthcare their profession. John 10:27 |
| 11 God, guide the delivery of essential supplies to remote parts of the world. 1 John 5:14 | 12 God, lead us to stamp out preventable diseases and improve health globally. Ephesians 3:20 | 13 God, grant hope to people living with HIV and AIDS and support the HIV/AIDS ministries of our church. Isaiah 41:10 | 14 God, support efforts to raise money for education, prevention, care and treatment of diseases of poverty. Philippians 4:7 | 15 God, show us the way to ensure that every person will have access to clean, safe, life-giving water. Exodus 23:25 | 16 God, we pray for each person who is suffering, hurting, or hopeless today. James 5:14 | 17 God, heal our broken relationships and repair our broken hearts. Psalm 147:1, 3 |
| 18 God, be an anchor to patients receiving medical treatments away from home. Isaiah 26:3 | 19 God, teach us to care for the elderly, that they may be treated with dignity and respect. John 15:12 | 20 God, give me an opportunity to let your light shine through me. John 15:7 | 21 God, we pray for the tiny babies in neonatal intensive care units. Psalm 86:6 | 22 God, we pray that children who are sick get the specialized care and treatment that they need. Matthew 18:5 | 23 God, guide researchers as they look for cures, treatments and answers to questions about illness and disease. Psalm 26:3 | 24 God, thank you for hospital and hospice chaplains. Equip them to be effective ministers in this very important setting. Matthew 25:36 |
| 25 God, teach my church to support the spiritual, emotional and physical health of our members and community. James 5:16 | 26 God, we pray that you will repair the wounds of those who have been hurt or disappointed by the church. Jeremiah 30:17 | 27 God, when as our physical bodies are failing, renew our spirit day after day. 2 Corinthians 4:16 | 28 God, help me to be an advocate for food and medicine for all your people. Psalm 27:1 | 29 God, offer guidance to those faced with decisions about a loved one's healthcare. Psalm 119:105 | 30 God, thank you for being with us even in the midst of illness, pain and uncertainty. Isaiah 66:13 | 31 God, we humbly pray for forgiveness and healing. Psalm 103:2-3 |