

All of us suffer. Souls are wounded. Hearts are broken. Bodies are diseased. But we have hope. *By His wounds we are healed* (Isaiah 53:5).

The God to whom we pray is *Jehovah-raphé*. He is the Lord who heals.

Prayers to *Jehovah-raphé* are . . .

Full of listening and obedience. God said, *Listen carefully to my voice, do what is right in my eyes, pay attention to my commands and keep my decrees, for I am the Lord who heals you* (from Exodus 15:26).

Cries for mercy. Blind Bartimaeus cried, *Jesus, have mercy on me*. Jesus said, *Your faith has healed you* (from Mark 10:46-52).

Wordless. A sick woman wanted healing, so she touched Jesus. He answered her silent plea, *Your faith has healed you* (from Mark 5:25-34).

Reminders of how you live. Hezekiah prayed, *Remember, O Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your sight* (from 2 Kings 20:1-5). He was healed.

Confident. *Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed, save me and I will be saved, for You are the one I praise* (Jeremiah 17:9,14).

Simple. *O God, please heal her*. That's what Moses prayed for his sister Miriam. She was healed (from Numbers 12:1-5).

About broken hearts. *He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds* (Psalm 147:3).

Thankful. One leper, *when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God with a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him* (Luke 17:15).

Glorifying to God. When someone asked Jesus, *Who sinned that this man was born blind?* Jesus said, *Neither he nor his parents sinned. This happened so the work of God might be displayed in his life* (from John 9:1-3).

For a friend. *Pray for each other so that you may be healed* (James 5:16).