

**Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program**  
**Unit 5**  
**Composing Prayers Exercise**

**Date:** December 31, 2022

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Writing prayers for opening and closing Lodge, sick and distressed, and option.

- *The theme I used for this assignment is a Masonic Blood Drive; all prayers are written with that event in mind.*

**Opening:**

Write a new opening prayer that covers the basics of what a lodge or other masonic body needs before you get to work. Try to balance all of the needs of the Body with Brevity.

- “Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and earth, we humbly beseech thee to bless those who are donating blood for the well being of our neighbors, and to those kind health care workers who will skillfully tend to your servants today. May all our efforts be pleasing in your sight. In your name we pray. Amen.”

**Closing:**

Write a new closing prayer that covers the basics of what a lodge or other masonic body needs before you leave the lodge room. Try to balance all of the needs of the Body with brevity.

- “Almighty Father, we offer our humble thanks for the opportunity to serve you and the opportunity to serve our neighbors in their time of difficulty. May our modest donation aid in their recovery so that they may continue serving you and doing good works in your name. Amen.”

**Sick and distressed:**

Write a prayer for sick and distressed that covers the needs of what a lodge or other masonic body might hear during a call for news of sick and distressed. Try to balance all of the needs of the Body with focus and privacy.

- “Almighty Father, we pray for those who are suffering, in sickness, in poor health, and are stricken by traumatic events. May your children who are in need find comfort in your presence. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.”

**Option:**

Write a prayer for a situation that you think you might see in your lodge or in another masonic body. The prayer should enable members present to know what to pray for after they depart from the building. Make sure to write out the scenario so that reviewers can understand what the prayers are for, since we are not as knowledgeable as God is.

- In Virginia Lodges we hold several Blood Drives each year. We are taught that no great and important undertaking should ever take place without invoking the devotions of deity, so for my assignment I am writing a prayer to be read at the opening of a Blood Drive.
- “Supreme Architect of the Universe, we humbly beseech thee to bless our present assemblage; especially those who are donating their blood for the well being of their neighbors. And we also ask you to bless those kind health care workers who are with us today and everyday, and are so giving of their time and skills for the benefit of others.

We pray for those who are suffering, in sickness, in poor health, and are suffering from traumatic events, who will find themselves in need of your gift of life. With your Grace may they find speedy relief from all their afflictions.

Almighty Father, we offer our humble thanks for this opportunity to serve you and the opportunity to serve our neighbors in their time of difficulty. May our modest donation aid in their recovery so that they may continue serving you and doing good works in your name.

All this we pray in your Holy Name, Amen.”