

A Prayer Before Surgery

We bring you, O God, our fears and apprehensions.

Respond with the blessings which inspire trust and create courage.

Remind us that you use many instruments for healing:

the science of medicine,

its miracles of medication and machine,

the skill of physicians and specialists and

those who work with them,

the compassion of loved ones and friends.

Use every instrument for the success of this operation

so that its outcome will be healing.

And where these instruments are not sufficient,

intervene by your Holy Spirit to restore strength,

to prevent pain and to hasten recovery.

We ask it in the name of Jesus, the Great Physician.

Amen.