



A Service of
Healing & Prayer

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Welcome



Opening Sentence

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.



The Collects

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People
Minister

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray..



The Collects

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

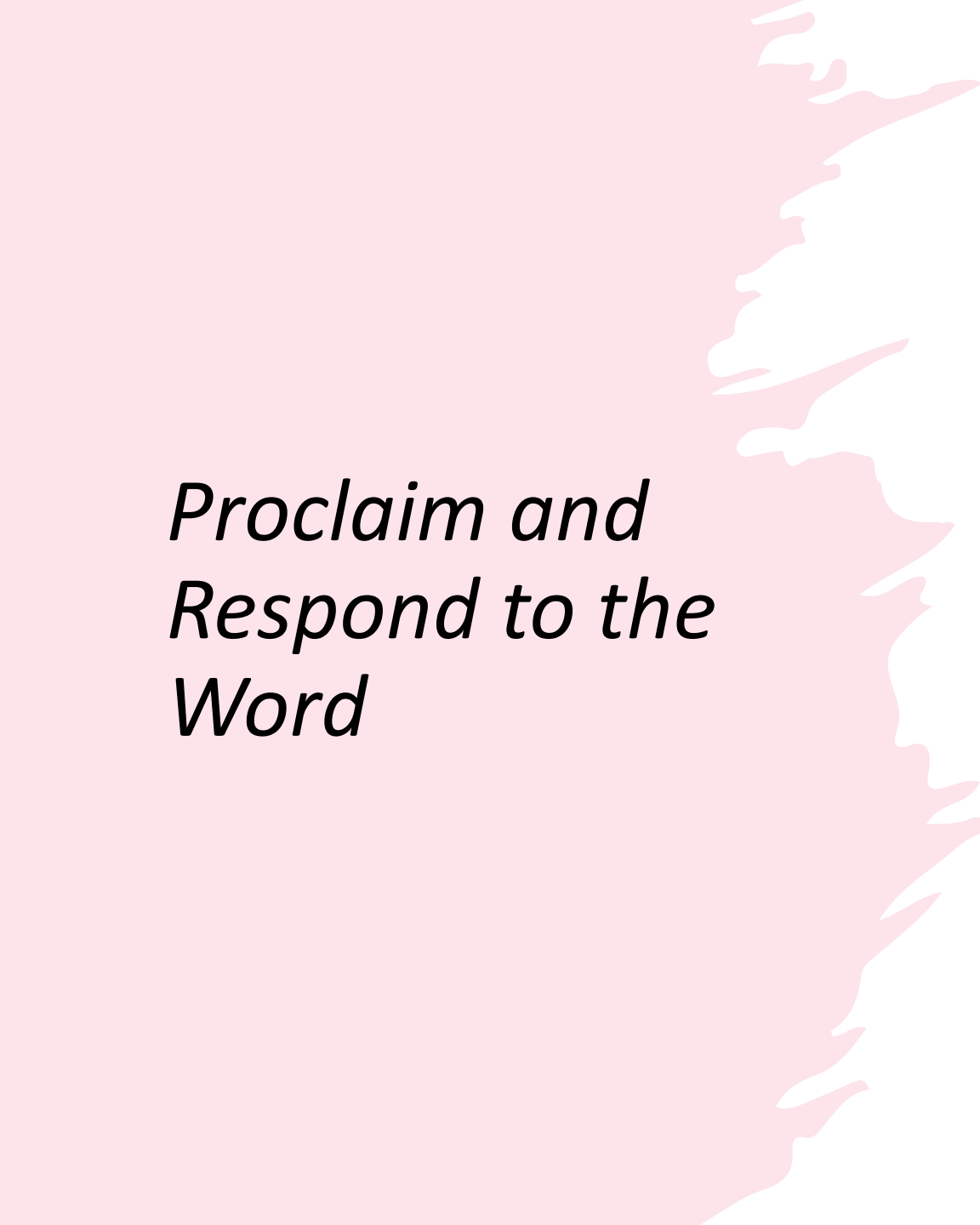


The Collects

Gracious God, we commend to your loving care all who suffer, especially those dealing with *COVID-19*. Give them patience and hope in distress; strengthen and uphold them in mind and body; and grant, by your intervention, that all your people may be made whole according to your desire, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Song





Proclaim and Respond to the Word

Isaiah 50:4-9

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

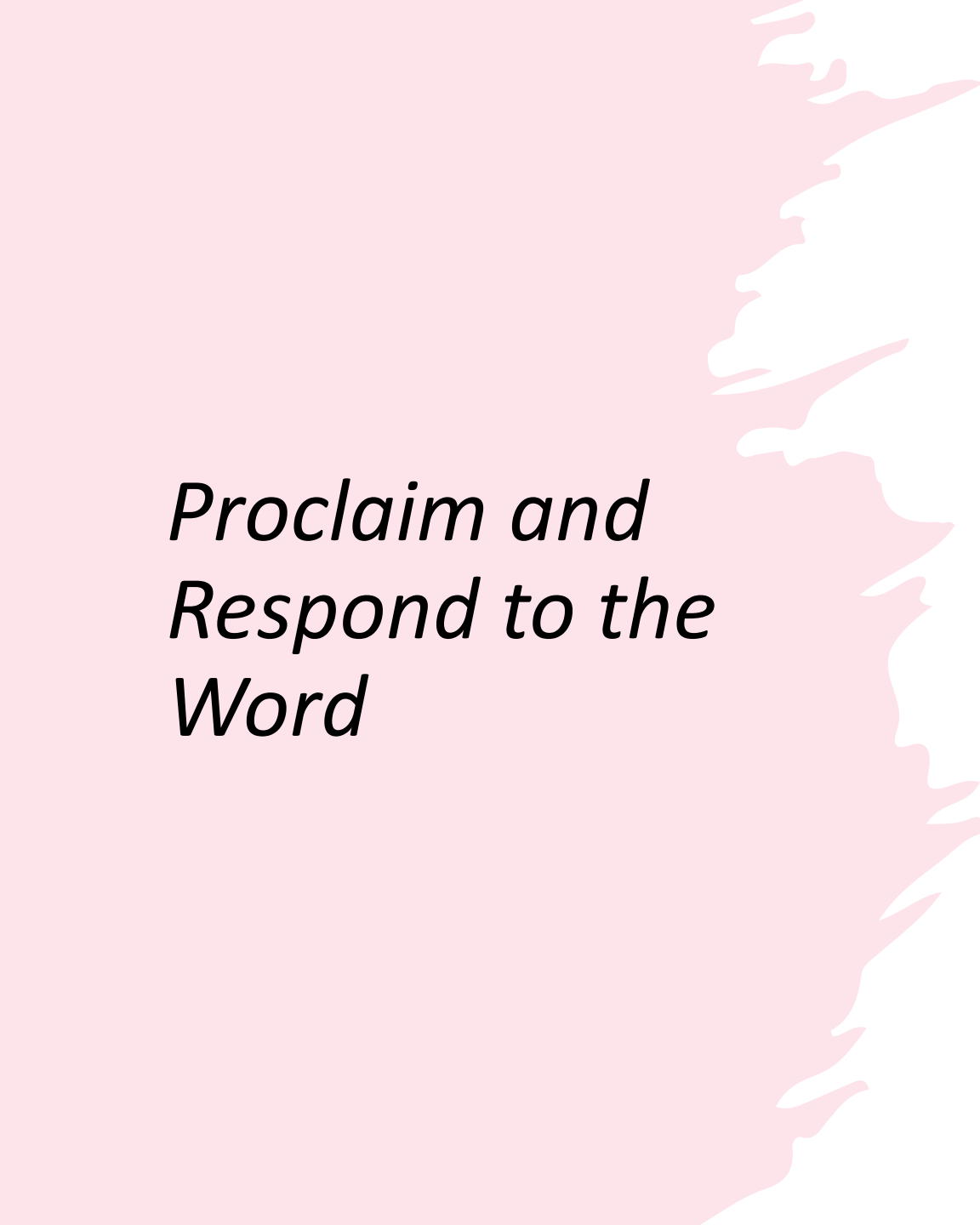
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.



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Psalm 70 *Deus, in adiutorium*

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.

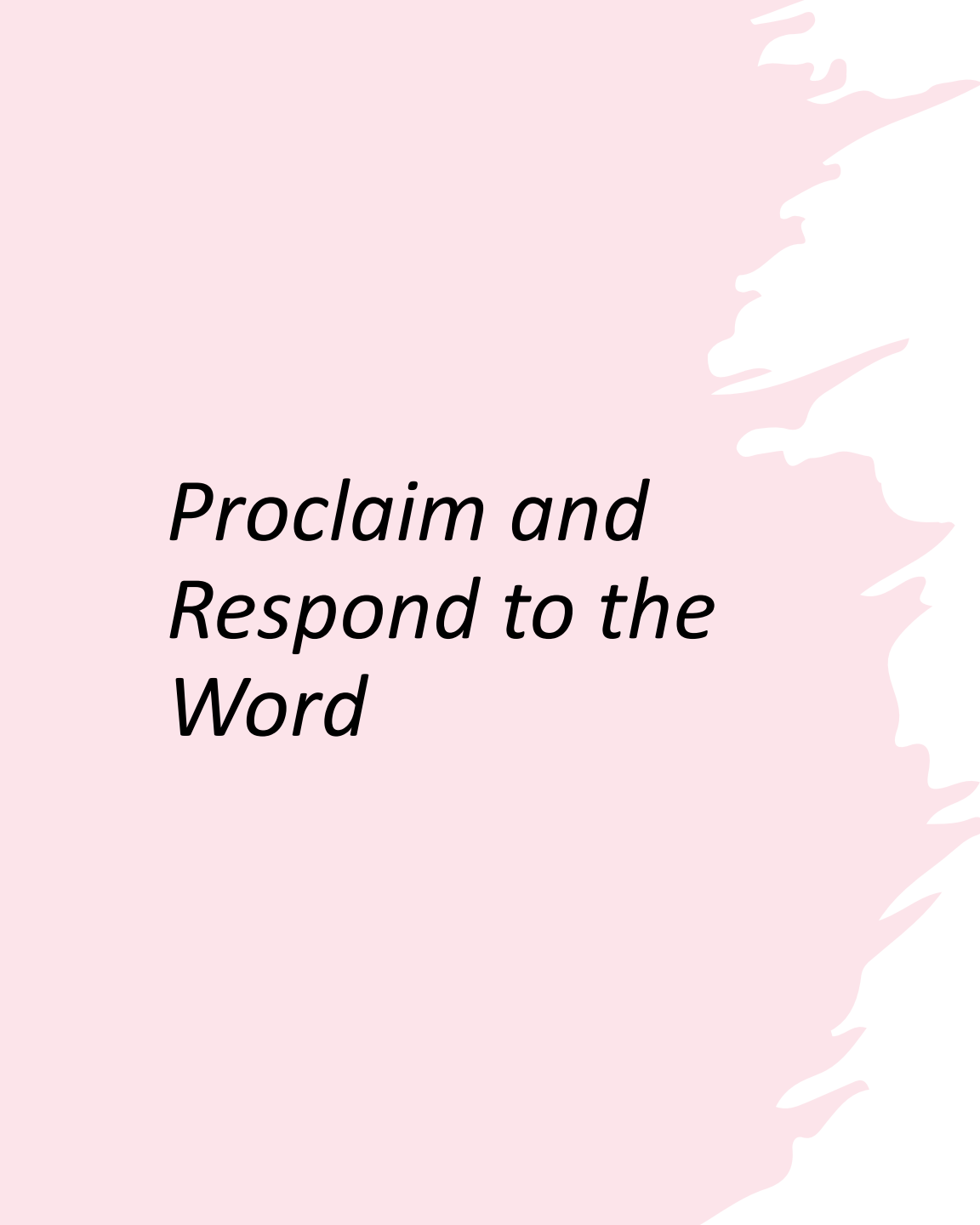
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

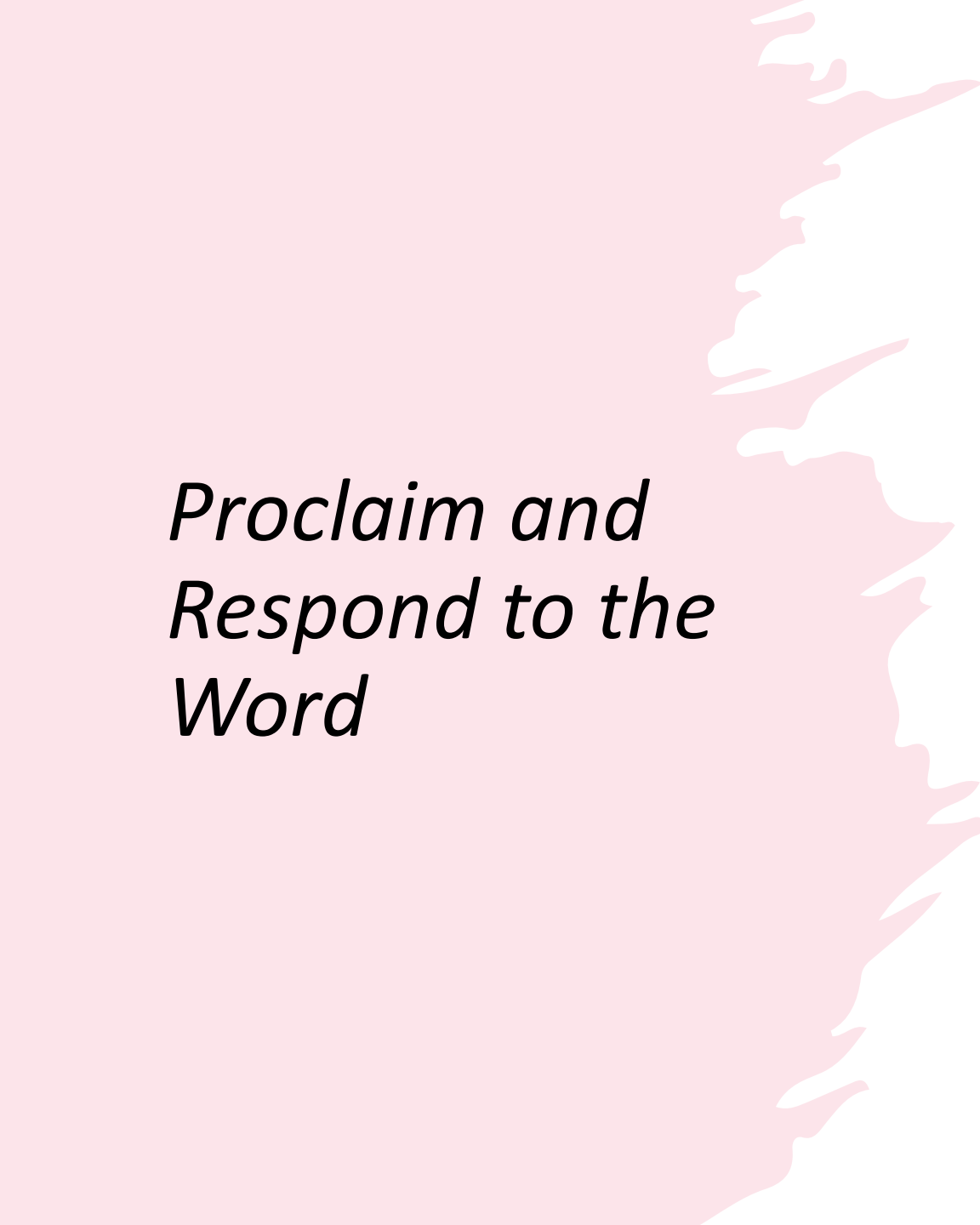


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Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.



Proclaim and Respond to the Word

John 13:21-32

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, 'Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.' The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, 'Lord, who is it?' Jesus answered, 'It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.' So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, 'Do quickly what you are going to do.' Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, 'Buy what we need for the festival'; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.'

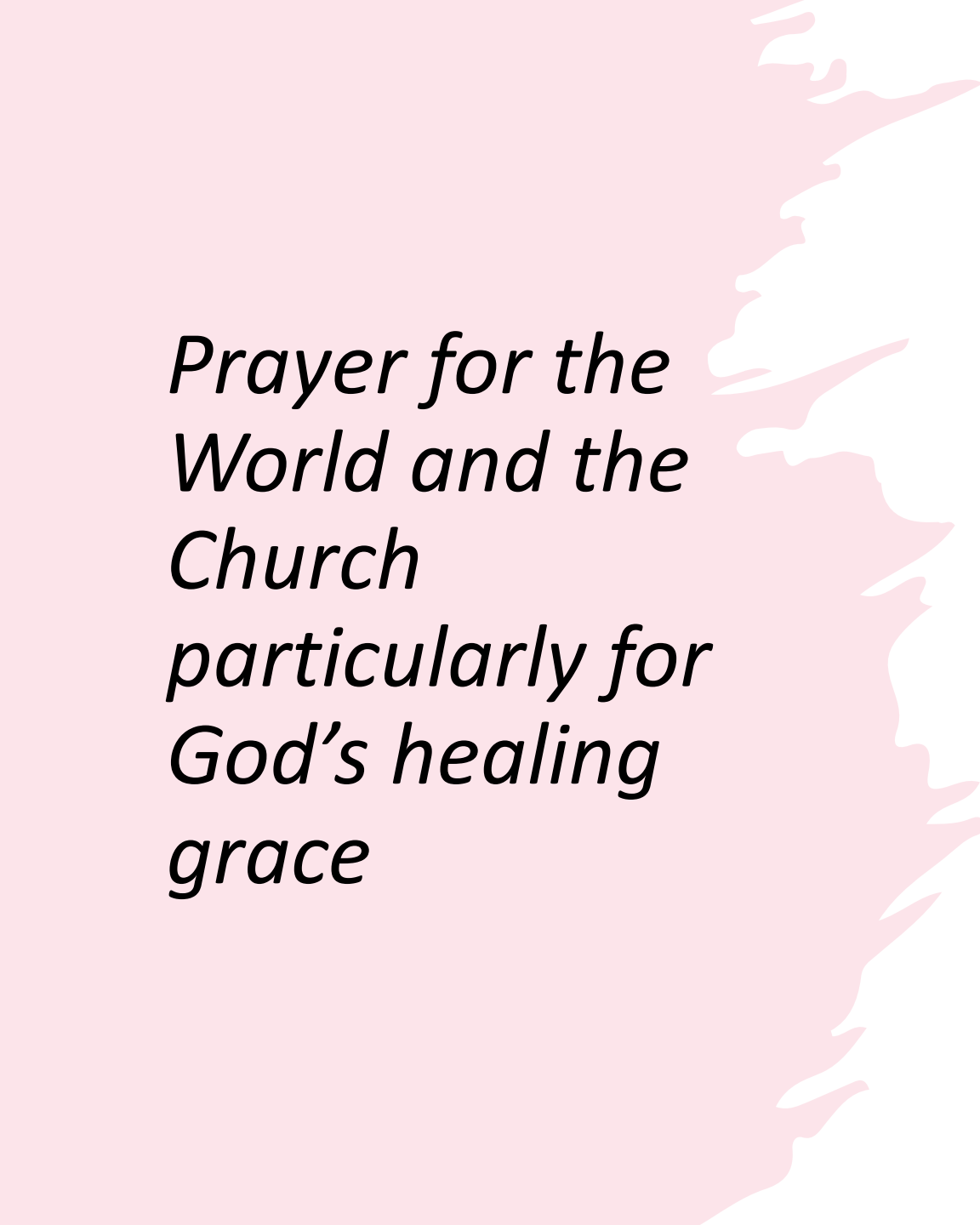
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Reflection



The Song





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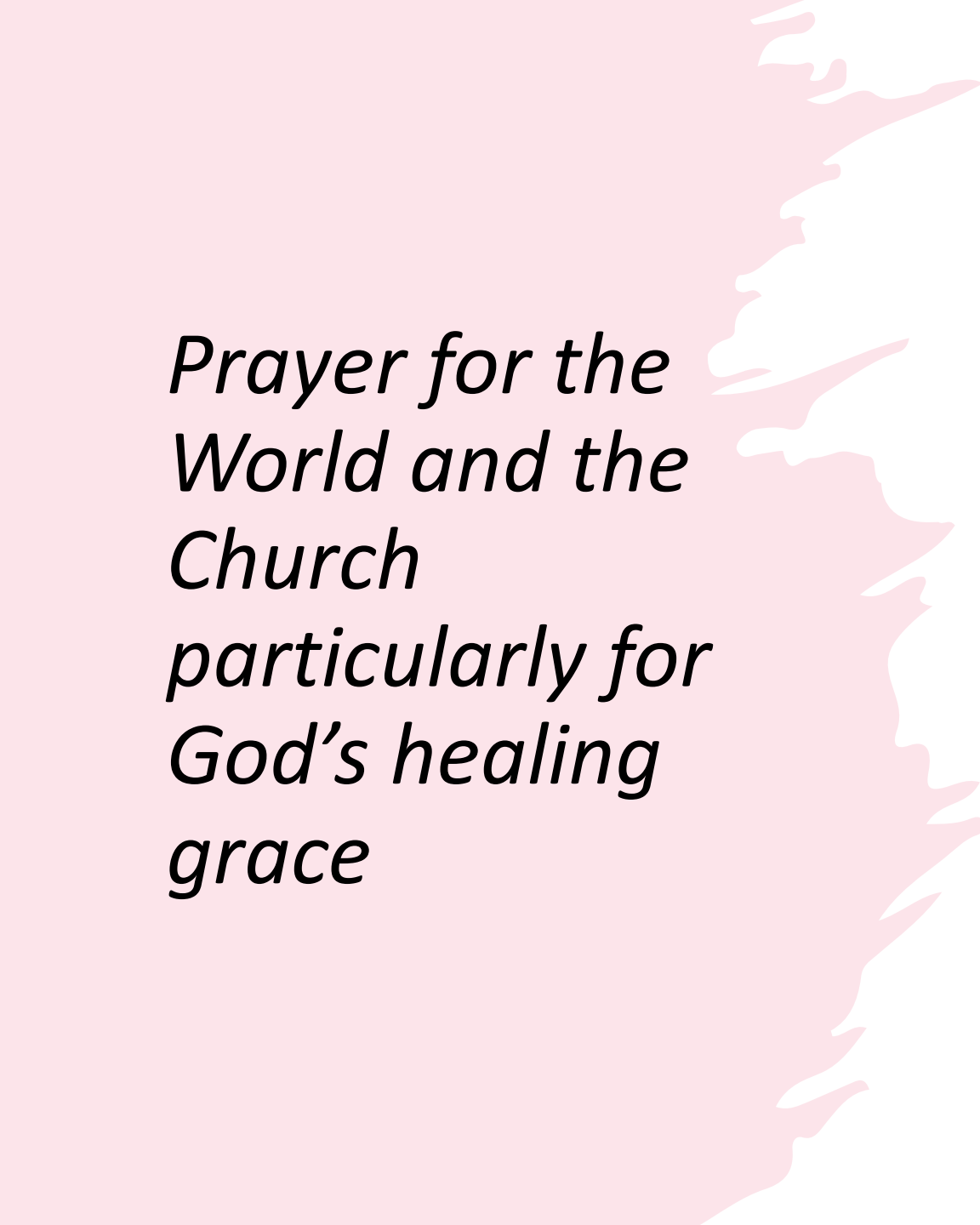
A Litany for Healing

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The people offer names

The Leader continues with these or similar words

Let us offer our prayers for God's healing, saying, "**Hear and have mercy**"



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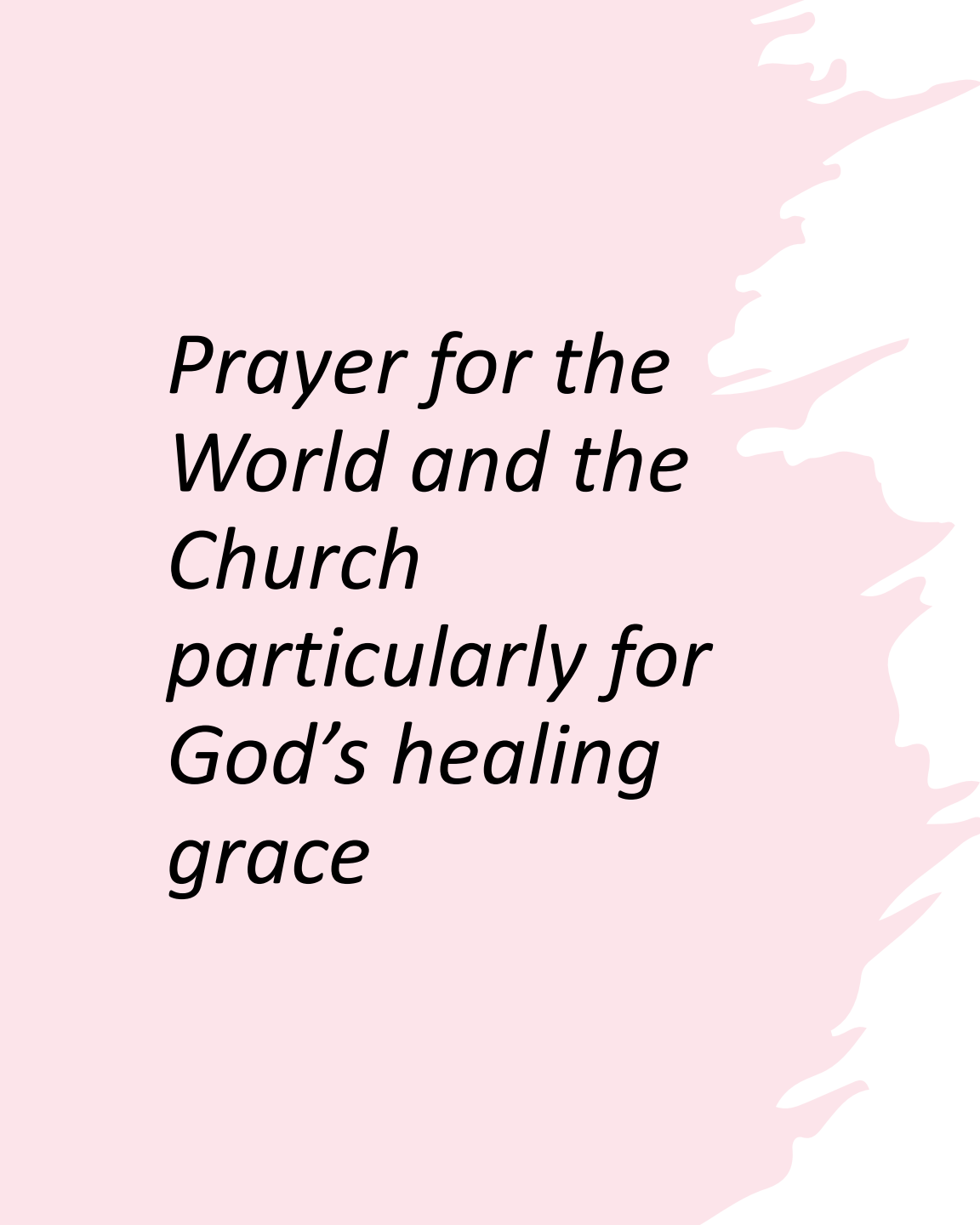
Holy God, source of health and salvation,
Hear and have mercy

Holy and Mighty, wellspring of abundant life,
Hear and have mercy

Holy Immortal One, protector of the faithful,
Hear and have mercy

Holy Trinity, the source of all wholeness,
Hear and have mercy

Blessed Jesus, your Holy Name is medicine
for healing and a promise of eternal life,
Hear and have mercy



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Jesus, descendant of David, you healed all who came to you in faith,

Hear and have mercy

Jesus, child of Mary, you embraced the world with your love,

Hear and have mercy

Jesus, divine physician, you sent your disciples to preach the Gospel and heal in your name,

Hear and have mercy

Jesus our true mother, you feed us the milk of your compassion,

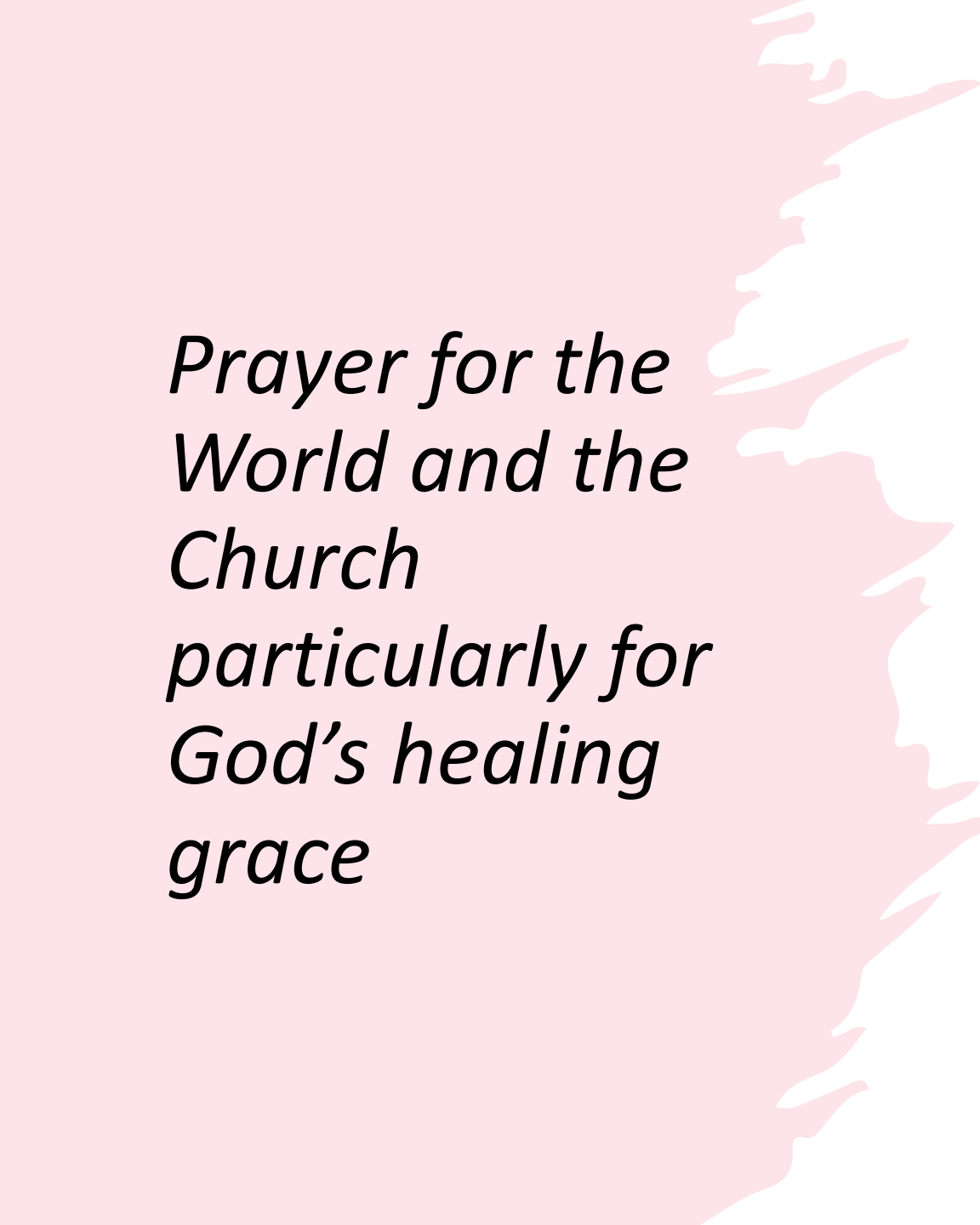
Hear and have mercy

Jesus, Son of God, you take away our sin and make us whole,

Hear and have mercy

Jesus, eternal Christ, your promised Spirit renews our hearts and minds,

Hear and have mercy



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Grant your grace to heal those who are sick, we pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Give courage and faith to all who are disabled through injury or illness, we pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Comfort, relieve, and heal all sick children, we pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Give courage to all who await surgery, we pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Support and encourage those who live with chronic illness, we pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Strengthen those who endure continual pain, and give them hope,

we pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

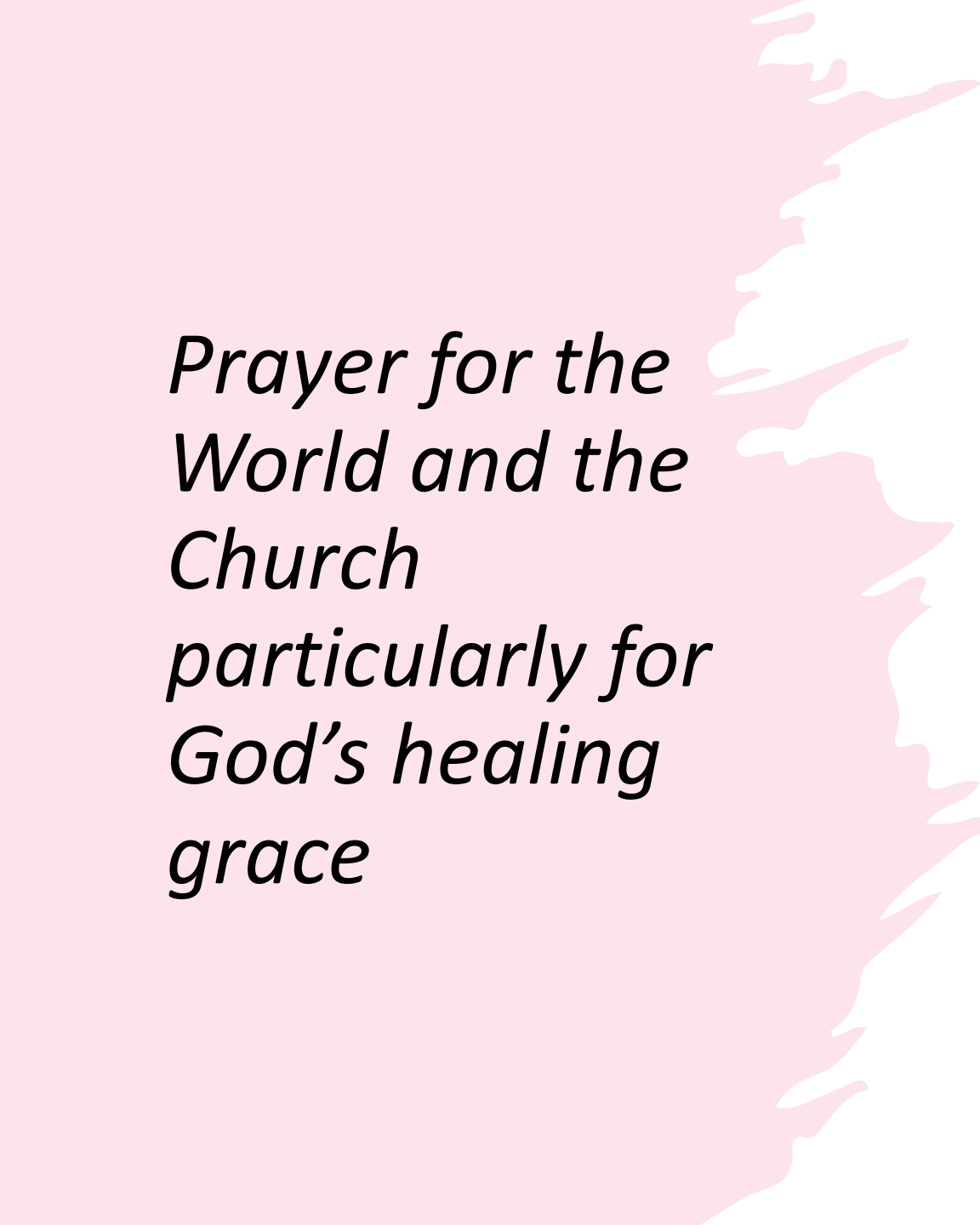
Grant the refreshment of peaceful sleep to all who suffer, we pray

to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Befriend all who are anxious, lonely, despondent, or afraid, we pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy



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Restore those with mental illness to clarity of mind and
hopefulness of heart, we pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Give rest to the weary, and hold the dying in your loving arms,
we pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Help us to prepare for death with confident expectation and
hope of Easter joy, we pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Give your wisdom and compassion to health care workers, that
they may minister to the sick and dying with knowledge, skill,
and kindness, we pray to you, O God,

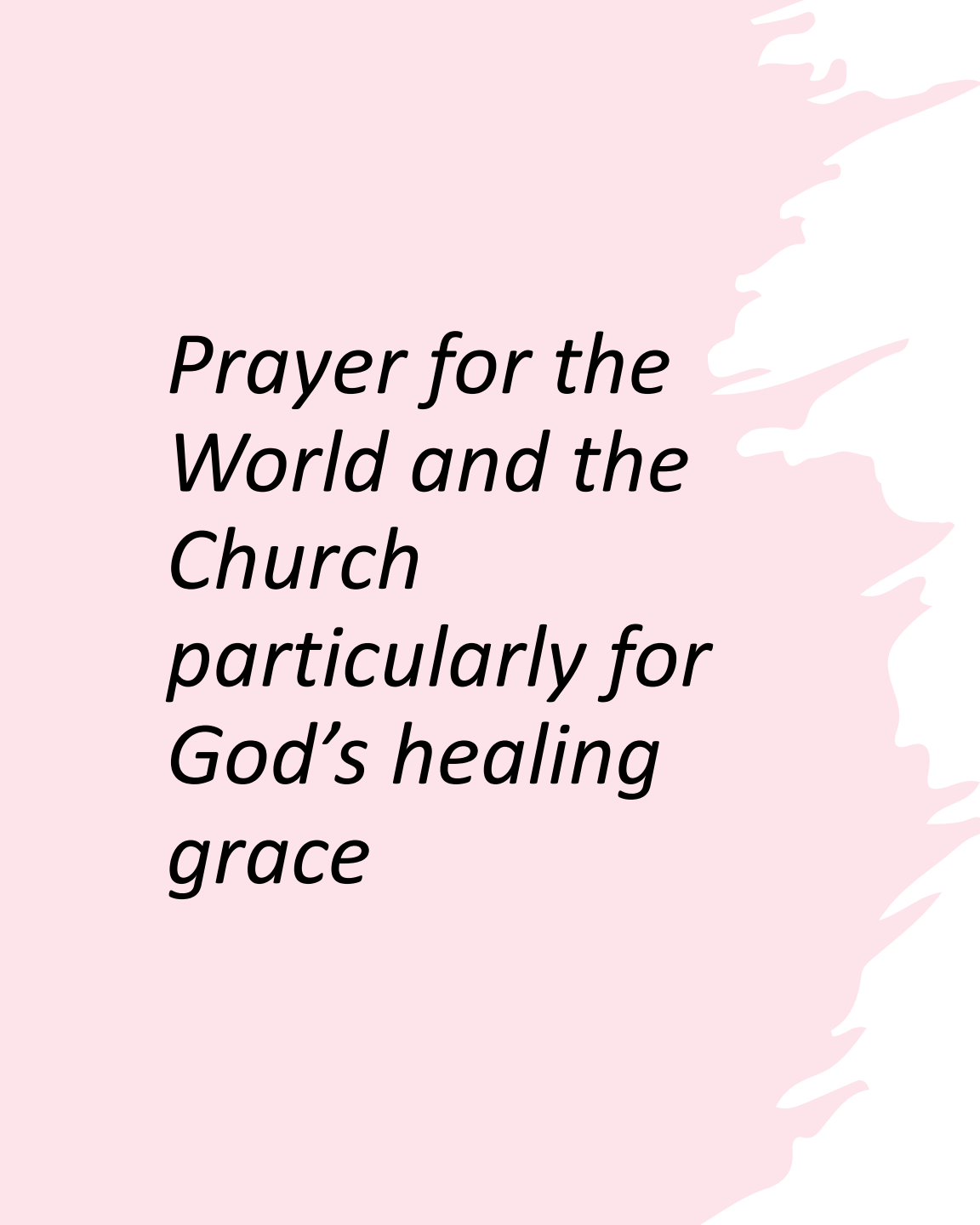
Hear and have mercy

Uphold those who keep watch with the sick, we pray to you, O
God,

Hear and have mercy

Guide those who search for the causes and cures of sickness
and disease, we pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

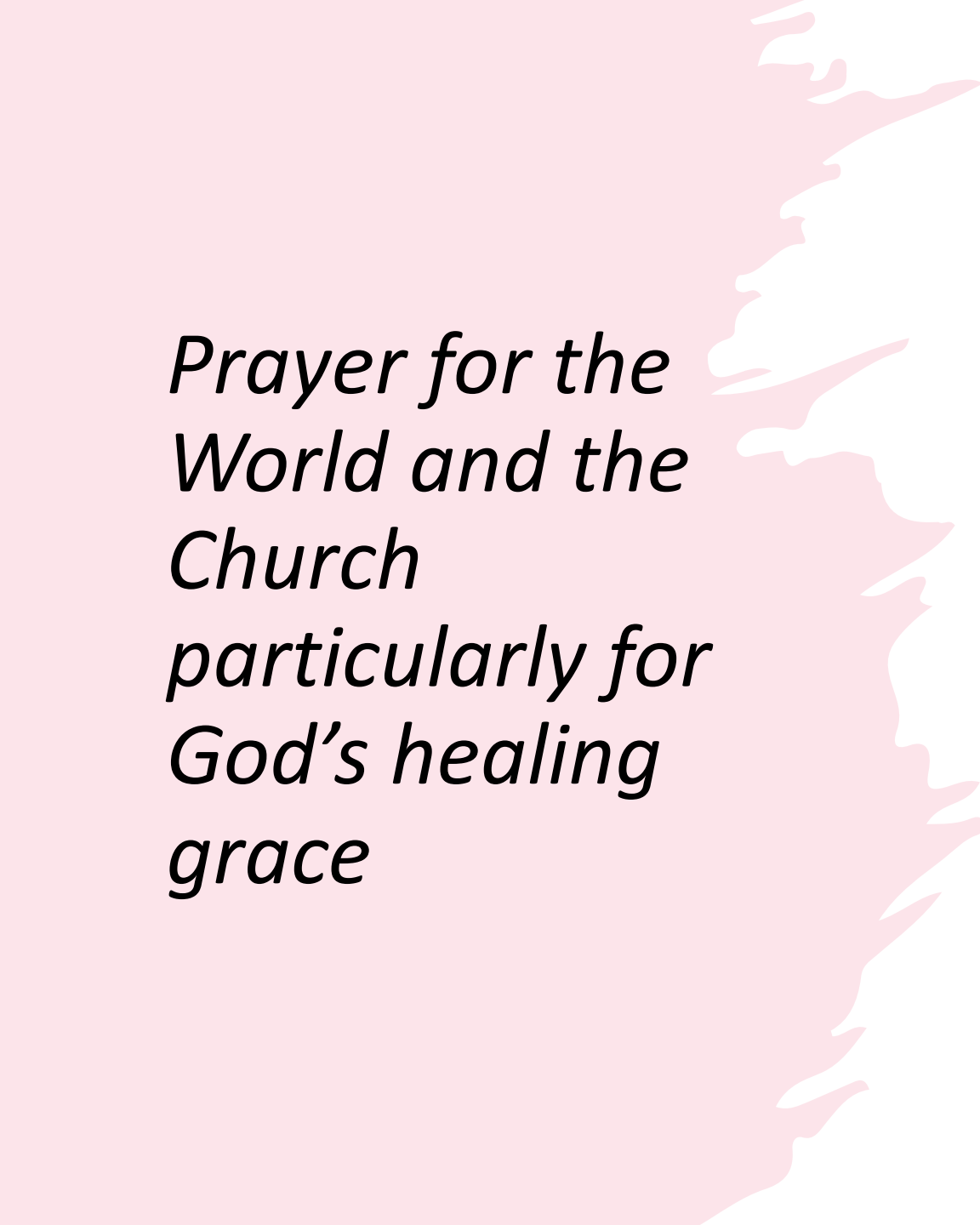


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Jesus, Lamb of God,
Hear and have mercy

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Hear and have mercy

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Hear and have mercy



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Confession of Need

Let us confess our need for God's healing grace

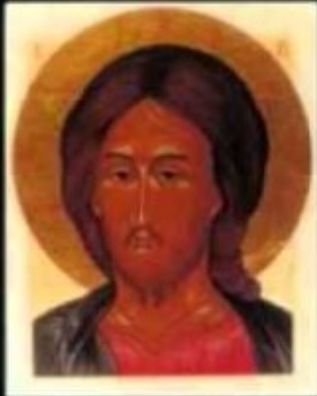
Compassionate God, we confess our weaknesses and our need for your strengthening touch. We confess that some illnesses stem from our own fault, while others are beyond our control. We turn to you, source of life, and ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ for the gifts of true healing and life in you. *Amen.*

Minister

May the God of love visit you in your times of trial and weakness, and raise you to newness of life, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Song

DOMINE DEUS



Taizé chants with
English verses



The Blessing and Dismissal

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To God be power for ever and ever. *Amen.*

May the God of hope fill you with every joy in believing. May the peace of Christ abound in your heart. May you be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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