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Mum, it's tough to see your little one sick. They are so fragile and helpless, unable to tell you exactly what hurts. They can only cry and cry as you watch your sense of control flow down the drain. Hospitals are strange places too - especially if your little one needs an extended stay. White coats and white hats come and go in a blur, speaking strange words they don't intend for you to understand. Cold, professional, detached. Your precious child means the whole world to you but to them he's just another sick child. She's another case note. They care but not the way you do. I experienced this first hand when I had to stay at the hospital with my barely 15 week old baby. I thought it was 'just the sniffles' but it was way more serious. So they kept us back in the emergency ward, and for the first time in my mothering journey I was a member of a new club. Club membership is not by invitation and not based on status. You are co-opted without your consent! It's the club of desperate helpless mothers with sick children.

Yet as children of God, we have hope. Help may not seem immediately apparent but we are not without hope. Yes doctors are necessary, but God is the ultimate healer. He is the one we can earnestly cry to:

Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered? Jeremiah 8:22

A curious thing happened after a difficult first day in hospital. I went through a gamut of emotions, including 'why my baby'? God opened my heart to see the helpless desperation in the children's emergency ward and before I knew it, intercession was stirred up inside me. I started to pray for the other mothers and children, knowing that we all mattered to God the same way. God is no respecter of person.

This is what inspired this little booklet of prayers. I hope it ministers to you if you are in this situation, or to pray for someone else going through this.

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~ **Scripture to pray and meditate on** ~

Jeremiah 8: 22 Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

Malachi 4:2 But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will arise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture.

Acts 3: 16 The name of Jesus has healed this man (replace this with your child's name)... Faith in Jesus name has caused this healing before your very eyes.

James 5: 14 - 15 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. And their prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make them well. And anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

Psalms 107: 2 He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from all their destructions.

John 4: 49 - 50 The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!" Jesus said to him, "Go your way, your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

~ Let us Pray ~

These are very simple prayers but as I have learned, the power of prayer is not in the eloquence of our words but in the authority that rests with the Almighty God we pray to. Please feel free to extend the prayers as you are led in your spirit. These are just meant to encourage you along the way.

For Baby

Dear God, your word says that children are gifts from you. Your gifts are perfect, nothing broken nothing missing. You said not to worry but to pray and make our request known to You – the only one who is able to answer prayer. My baby (insert bay's name) is in the hospital for (insert condition) according to the doctors. Your word also declares that by the stripes Jesus bore (baby's) healing has already been paid for. Manifest your healing power in (baby's) life my Father. I confess this in faith and rest it in your able hands. In Jesus' name.

*For Mother***

Divine Healer, send your word and my baby will be healed. This is my faith and my confession. I refuse to linger on what my eyes can see or what my ears are hearing. Instead I cling to you in faith. Please help me not to worry, doubt and fear. Flood my heart with hope and with your peace that passes all understanding. Please give me strength and joy. Gift me with insight and understanding on how to care for my baby. I have no other help but you and I refuse to lean on the arm of flesh. You are my strong tower. Teach me how to pray through this. Open the eyes of my understanding to know what your will is in this matter. I trust in your goodness and love and thank you for answered prayers. In Jesus' name.

The Doctors and other helpers

Father you are the Great Healer. I'm thankful for the doctors here and I pray that you gift their minds and their hands with skill and uncommon understanding. Give them insights to things they would ordinarily miss. Help them to be effective

and efficient. Forbid the spirit of error in diagnosis and treatment in the name of Jesus.

Father thank you also for the hospital staff, the nurses the administrators and even the people who keep the place clean. Manifest your love through them Lord. Give them your eyes as they work so they can see with eyes of compassion and grace. Show them your love in their lives so they being filled up can minister to others in love.

Other sick babies and their mothers

Father I ask that you remember every baby and mother in this hospital right now for good. I ask for angelic visitations and healings in the name of Jesus. Let your Holy Spirit rest tangibly in this place. Let shouts of joy be heard in the aisles and corridors and children begin to respond to treatment and get better and whole in Jesus name.

***Please note: I have used the term Mother in this writing to refer to both mothers and whoever the child's caregiver is.*