

Faith in Healthcare Commissioning Service

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Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

All: Before the mountains were born or brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: You turn us back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O people."

All: For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by or like a watch in the night.

Leader: We finish our years with a moan.

All: The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

Leader: Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

All: May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.

Vows

Leader: While Moses was tending sheep on a mountainside, the Lord appeared to him in a burning bush and called out to him, saying, "Put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

Jesus is our perfect model. He taught us that all ground is holy—all of life for our Master was hallowed, dedicated fully to God. The new "Holy of Holies," the new inner sanctuary, is in each of us, for each of us is the temple of the Holy Spirit. We are on holy ground wherever we go.

Today we come to affirm before God and to one another that the work you do each day takes place on holy ground. We come to ask God's blessing on your work and for guidance in making each act pleasing in God's sight. We come to offer to God the work which God has given you to do. We bring our prayers, love, and encouragement, which our being together in Christ makes possible.

(All stand)

Leader to All: Your work and your worship are interwoven. In fact, they are not separate at all: Your work grows out of your worship and your worship grows out of your work. Brothers and sisters, do you come today to acknowledge that the place where you work is holy?

All: We do.

(together kneel, as you are able, and speak as follows)

Enabled by Christ's love for me, I shall endeavor to make each day's work worship. I pray that my work will be cleansed of all spiritual or material selfishness, of all impatience or criticism, of all secret desire for consolation, recognition, or reward. Turn, O God, my seeing into loving, that I may witness to the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for all people.

In His name I make my prayer, *Amen.*