

A Commissioned Hymn for Parish Nurses and Health Ministers

God of Healing, God of Wholeness

God of Healing, God of Wholeness, God who cares for everyone,
Grant us tenderness in caring, so through us your will is done.
May we see with the holy vision what our task and role should be.
May we heed with inner hearing, undistracted, focused, free.

Jesus cared for every outcast, cured the ill, and healed the lame,
Gave the lonely hope and comfort—grant us strength to do the same!
And when we are weak and weary, needing care from other' hands,
Grant us grace, receiving humbly, ministry that understands.

Every day may we be faithful to Christ's call to love and care,
Tending to our soul and body, so with joy Your love we share.
Walk among us with compassion. Give us skills to learn and hone.
Great Physician, Friend and Teacher, make our ministry Your own.

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Hymn Tune IN BABILONE, *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*,
Presbyterian Hymnal (1990), # 298.

An alternate tune possibility recommended by the author and with a change in the words in the last line of the third stanza:

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Hymn tune FABEN, *Praise the Lord• Ye Heavens, Adore Him*, The Hymnbook, 1955, #2