

## Prayers from the Bible against plagues

1. TAKE YOUR PLAGUE AWAY FROM ME; I AM RAVAGED BY THE TOUCH OF YOUR HAND. (PSALM 39:11)
2. O LORD, MY GOD, DO NOT AFFLICT YOUR PEOPLE WITH THIS PLAGUE! (1 CHRONICLES 21:17)
3. HE WILL RESCUE YOU FROM THE FOWLER'S SNARE, FROM THE DESTROYING PLAGUE. (PSALM 91:3)
4. HAVE PITY ON ME, LORD, FOR I AM WEAK; HEAL ME, LORD, FOR MY BONES ARE SHUDDERING. (PSALM 6:3)
5. LORD, TAKE NOTE OF ME; HEAL ME, ALTHOUGH I HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU. (PSALM 41:5)
6. HEAL ME, LORD, THAT I MAY BE HEALED; SAVE ME, THAT I MAY BE SAVED, FOR YOU ARE MY PRAISE. (JEREMIAH 17:14)
7. LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY TO HAVE YOU ENTER UNDER MY ROOF; ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SERVANT WILL BE HEALED. (MATTHEW 8:8)



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**the terrible scourge disappeared before his miraculous power.”**

He eventually contracted the plague himself, but after retreating to the forest, he was also cured from the disease.

After his death, St. Roch's intercession was invoked when a plague struck Germany in the 15th century.

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