

Day 3 — Friday, October 23: Healing of Brokenness

The God Who Binds Up Wounds

Key Verse

"He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds."

— Psalm 147:3 (NIV)

Prayer Walk Focus

Brokenness takes many forms — fractured relationships, buried trauma, shame carried for years, dreams that didn't work out. Today, intercede for healing to reach the hidden wounds behind closed doors across our city.

Suggested Prayer Points

Broken relationships — Pray for reconciliation in fractured families, friendships and marriages across Ballarat.

Deep inner wounds — Pray for those carrying trauma, shame or hurt from the past, that Jesus would bring healing to wounds no one else can see.

Restoration after failure — Pray for those weighed down by regret or past mistakes, that they would know grace and the possibility of a genuine fresh start.

Churches as places of healing — Pray that Churches of Ballarat would be safe places where broken people find compassion rather than judgment.

Wholeness for the city — Declare that wherever there is brokenness in Ballarat — in homes, schools, or workplaces — God would bring restoration and wholeness.

Worship Songs

"Graves Into Gardens" — Elevation Worship / Brandon Lake (2020) ► [Listen on YouTube](#)

"Raise A Hallelujah" — Bethel Music / Jonathan David & Melissa Helser (2019) ► [Listen on YouTube](#)

"Same God" — Elevation Worship (2022) ► [Listen on YouTube](#)

Extended Scripture Reading

Psalm 34:17–20 — *"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."*

2 Corinthians 1:3–7 — *The Father of compassion and God of all comfort, who comforts us so we can comfort others.*

Ezekiel 34:15–16 — *"I myself will tend my sheep... I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak."*

Extended Devotional: The God Who Binds Up Wounds

Brokenness rarely announces itself. It hides behind ordinary front doors, tidy gardens and polite hellos. A marriage quietly falling apart. A friendship that ended in silence. A wound from childhood that still shapes how someone loves and trusts today. Psalm 147:3 tells us God is not put off by any of it: "He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds."

The image is deliberately medical — binding a wound implies close, careful, personal attention. God does not deal with brokenness from a distance or in general terms. He binds up wounds one at a time, tending to the specific hurt in the specific place it occurred.

Ezekiel 34 extends this picture further: God as shepherd, searching for the scattered, binding up the injured, strengthening the weak. This is not a God who waits for us to fix ourselves before He'll draw near — He comes looking, and He comes prepared to tend to what is broken.

For the church, this has real implications. If God's pattern is to bind up wounds rather than shame them, the church is a place where broken people can be met the same way — with patience rather than judgment, and with the kind of compassion that stays present rather than offering quick fixes.

As you walk today, ask God to show you — even just in prayer — where brokenness is hiding behind the doors you pass. Pray for healing to reach marriages under strain, friendships gone quiet, and hearts still carrying old wounds. Ask that the Church of Ballarat will be known across this city as a place where broken people are welcomed, not turned away.