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## THE PRAYER OF MAIMONIDES (Excerpts) 1135-1204

"Almighty God! With infinite wisdom hast Thou conceived the human body. Thou hast placed therein ten thousands organs which function all in harmony and give beauty to the whole structure, which is the human body surrounded by the immortal soul....

Thou hast given to man the power to ease the suffering of his brother and sister, to diagnose illnesses, to extract substances of therapeutic value, to determine their effects and to prepare and use them in a manner appropriate to each patient....

Fill my soul with love for this art of healing, and for all Thy creatures. Allow not the thirst for gain nor the search for fame to influence me in the exercise of that art....

Sustain the strength of my heart, so that it may be ever ready to serve rich and poor, friend and enemy, good and wicked. Help me to see only the human being in him who suffers.

Make my spirit glad to receive the counsels of those who are wiser than me and who seek to teach me, for the scope of my art is vast....

Make me satisfied with everything except the extent of my knowledge in my chosen science. Keep away from me the thought that I am all skillful. Give the strength, the desire and the opportunity ever to widen the scope of my knowledge. For the art is great, and the spirit of man never ceases to progress in it.

Almighty God! In Thy compassion hast Thou chosen me to watch over the life and death of Thy

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