

*Can we pray for the health of our animals? If one of our pets is sick, will God answer our prayer for them to be healed?*

God can heal pets. It's certainly acceptable for his followers to ask this of him (Nu 12:10–15). What concerns you, concerns him. He wants to be included in your: thoughts, cares and concerns (1 Pe 5:7).

God does not guarantee that his children will not experience troubles and pain; but when they do, he promises to be with them (Deut 31:6, 8). When one experiences joy, he'd like to be remembered (Lk 17:16a). When he experiences pain, God will see him though it (Ps 30:5, Eccl 3:1-2).

God knows that believers love their pets (Ps 139:2). Animals don't have a spirit (Ge 9:6); but, they do have a soul (Ge 1:21–25). Therefore, pet owners bond with their animals (2 Sa 12:3). Man, being made in God's image, is significant not as much for who he is; but for the fact that God loves him. Similarly, pets are significant not as much for what they are (Ge 1:31); but for the Christian's love for them (Ge 1:28, Pr 12:10). If it matters to you, then it matters to God.

When a pet is healed due to the blessing of medical advances and/or God's helping hand, it is right to thank him. When a pet dies, of course their owner grieves. Unfortunately, in a fallen world, this is so (Ro 5:12–19).

Animals will be present in the millennial kingdom where they will continue to bring men happiness (Is 11:6–9). At that time man and beast will live in peace.