

# LEADER'S GUIDE

(Created by Chaplain Donnel Miller-Mutia. \*Be creative: adjust, revise this guide to fit your needs/particular context. For more resources, go to <https://www.growingedgesnm.com/resources-for-spiritual-care-groups.html>).

## Parable of the Good Samaritan

### INTRODUCTION

**Introduce the Session:** [See Script].

**SONG: Wider Circles / Peace Salaam Shalam / Shalom My Friend**

**Gestures + Serenity Prayer**

**Intro of Participants:** Share your name, Pronouns + Name a particular moment when you helped somebody – and a moment when you were helped.

**SONG: Come Light of Lights OR Peace Salaam Shalom**

### STORY

**Godly Play + Bell + Wonderings** (Go around 1<sup>st</sup> question – What is most important for you, most interesting?)

**READING: The Good Samaritan Psalm, AND/OR Prayer of St Francis**

**SONG: Lean on Me**

### WORK

**Reflection & Art Sheets, Sculpting with Clay**

### PRAYERS & CLOSING

**SONG: Take My Hand Precious Lord (\*Historical Context + Yearning for Healing)**

**INVITATION TO NAME PRAYERS & INTENTIONS FOR HEALING** (Invite participants to pick what the need to RECEIVE, and what they can GIVE - from the list under “Universal Human Needs”). Ring the bell after each participant names a seed/prayer.

**CLOSING BLESSING:**

**READING: Prayer of Francis of Assissi** (invite participants to read), then

**CLOSING BLESSING:** Holy One, you who heals, the one shows us how to love our neighbors, watch over us who are in this circle; bless and guide us wherever each of us may be: NAMES. Strengthen us when we stand; comfort us when discouraged or sorrowful; raise us up when we fall; and in our hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of our lives. AMEN.

**SONG: Come Healing Breath**

**SONG: I'm Sending You Light**

## LEAN ON ME

BY BILL WITHERS

C                  F                  C  
Sometimes in our lives we all have pain

G                  C                  F  
We all have sorrow But if we are wise  
C                  | G - C - |  
We know that there's always tomorrow

C                  F                  C  
*Lean on me, when you're not strong And I'll be your friend*

G  
*I'll help you to carry on*

C                  F                  C  
*For it won't be long 'Til I'm gonna need*  
/G - C - /  
*Somebody to lean on*

C                  F                  C  
Please swallow your pride If I have things

G                  C                  F  
You need to borrow For no one can fill  
C                  |G - C - |  
Those of your needs That you don't let show

C                  F                  C  
If there is a load you have to bear  
G                  C                  F  
That you can't carry I'm right up the road  
C                  |G - C - |  
I'll share your load If you just call me