## SIGN OF THE CROSS: HEALING PRAYER GESTURE

Hand on forehead:

"In the name of the father"
(dedicating my mind and intellect);
hand on abdomen:

"In the name of the Son"
(dedicating my passions and compassion);
hand on larynx:\*

"In the name of the Holy Spirit, one God mother of us all"\*\*
(dedicating my breath and voice).

\*Try holding your hand on the larynx area a full minute or more—a prayer that you can speak with your true voice, not the voices of others, a prayer for the healing of your voice and that your voice may create healing. I do this every a.m.

\*\*These words preserve the traditional Trinitarian baptismal formula (Matthew 28:19), yet they add: "...one God"—(the *Shema*, Deuteronomy 6:4), the true meaning of Trinity (tri-unity), also the scriptural phrase used by Julian of Norwich (see Psalm 131:2; Isaiah 49: 15; 66:13), "mother of us all"—creating a genuinely inclusive paradox.

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