



## Prayers of the Faithful

For those searching for peace of mind and heart, that they might feel the comfort of God's healing presence in their lives, we pray to the Lord.

That our parish community may become a place of acceptance and belonging for people with mental illness, we pray to the Lord.

That our community and larger society will come to view mental illnesses as they do other illnesses such as diabetes and cancer, and offer dignity and acceptance to people with mental health issues, we pray to the Lord.

That children and adults seeking treatment for mental illness may be able to obtain caring, effective and affordable care, we pray to the Lord.

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The following prayers are excerpted from *Welcomed and Valued: Building Faith Communities of Support and Hope with People with Mental Illness and Their Families*:"

For persons with a mental illness, and their families to find effective treatment for their illness and understanding and acceptance from others, we pray to the Lord.

For families who strive to understand and help their loved ones with mental illness, we pray to the Lord.

For people who live on the streets without homes or hope, we pray to the Lord.

For people with mental illness who are confined in jails and prisons, we pray to the Lord.

In thanksgiving for the compassion and dedication of mental health professionals and those providing care, we pray to the Lord.

That the darkness of stigma, labels, exclusion and marginalization might be dispelled by the light of greater understanding, acceptance and respect for the dignity of every person, we pray to the Lord.

For each of us to reach out with support as we form a caring community, we pray to the Lord.