

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

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

For families who strive to understand and help their loves 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.

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