

Intercessory Prayers Addressing Mental Illness, Suicidality, and Suicide Loss

These intercessions can be used throughout the year, especially during Suicide Awareness Month (September) and Mental Health Month (May) in liturgies and prayer services for those who grieve the loss of a loved one to suicide.

- September is Suicide Prevention Month. We pray that families and friends experiencing the loss of a loved one by suicide may find healing and comfort, we pray to the Lord.
- September is Suicide Prevention Month. We pray that those living with a mental illness, depression and suicidal thoughts may find the help and support that they need, we pray to the Lord.
- September is Suicide Prevention Month. Thankful for God's eternal mercy, we pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died by suicide, we pray to the Lord.
- September is Suicide Prevention Month. We pray that our parish may be a place of hope and refuge for persons experiencing suicidal thoughts.
- For our Pope, our Bishop, our priests, deacons, and lay Catholic ministers, that they bring the healing presence Christ's peace into the lives of those who are suffering with suicidality and into the lives of those who are grieving of a suicide. We pray to the Lord.
- For our elected officials to come to an understanding of the need for laws, policies, and funding for effective mental health care and suicide prevention programs. We pray to the Lord.
- For the psychologists, psychiatrists, therapists and all who research the causes of suicidality and provide treatment to people who are suicidal, may God grant them wisdom and compassion. We pray to the Lord.
- For those living with a mental illness, depression, and suicidal thoughts, may they find the help and support that they need to lead peaceful and full lives. We pray to the Lord.
- We commend to your mercy and defense all who are contemplating suicide this day. Bring someone or something to intervene. We pray to the Lord.
- For families and friends experiencing the loss of a loved one by suicide, may they find healing and comfort in your Church. We pray to the Lord.
- For the repose of the souls of our fellow parishioners, our family members, and neighbors who have died by suicide. May they experience the mercy and love of Christ. We pray to the Lord.
- We lift up all those who have died by suicide and the fathers and mothers, friends and families who are now living as survivors of suicide. We pray to the Lord.



- Gracious and loving God, for all the families who have lost a loved one to suicide, bring them comfort in trusting that your mercy and grace accept their loved one into the eternal bliss of heaven. We pray to the Lord.