Prayers of the Faithful for Persons with Mental Illness

Let us pray to the Father of Mercies: Father, we pray for the unity and mission of the holy Church of God; that it may welcome and serve those who live with a mental illness. *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Guide us, the citizens and leaders of this land, this state and this city ... that we may unite to provide for and protect the poor, the homeless and those who suffer in mind, body and spirit. *Lord, in your* mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Forgive us when we knowingly or unknowingly ridicule, look in disgust, neglect or discriminate against those who are mentally ill. *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Comfort and relieve those who are troubled in mind and spirit. Bring them hope, peace and the consolation of a loving community. *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Grant patience and courage to the families and friends of those who are ill. Increase their perseverance as they face challenges to recovery for their loved one. *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Protect and defend those living with mental illness from exploitation, addictions and abuse. *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Walk with the homeless and missing persons, those who are destitute and have no one to care. Forgive us for our indifference. *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy and defense all who are contemplating suicide today, right now. Bring someone or something to intervene. *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

For the families who have lost a loved one to mental illness, bring them comfort in trusting that your grace accepts their ill loved one, despite the final desperate act that brought them into your loving arms. *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Empower us to speak up for those who do not have a voice; save us from making peace with the injustices in the social systems that have failed them. *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Guide those who do research for the prevention and treatment of mental illnesses; uphold them with your compassion and diligence. *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

For those who are in recovery and for treatments that enable them to return to full and rewarding lives, we give you thanks. *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, Giver of life and health, we trust that in your time and way, you will dispel all darkness with your light, all confusion with your order, all fear with your peace. Through Jesus Christ, who intercedes for us and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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