



Respect Life Office

Department for

Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities



There are many monthly disability awareness events held throughout the year. The Department for Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities has created a quick reference with suggested intercessions that may be helpful for prayerful acknowledgment during the Prayer of the Faithful. Please keep in mind that this list is not complete. We welcome additional thoughts, and comments.

NATIONAL AWARENESS

January

Mental Wellness Month

National Birth Defects Prevention Week

February

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

National American Heart Month

Low Vision Awareness Month

National Burn Awareness Week

March

Hemophilia Month

Mental Retardation Awareness Month

National Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Month

National Kidney Month

April

Cancer Control Month

National Autism Awareness Month

March of Dimes

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That people of all abilities be lovingly supported in living out their Christian calling to serve the community, we pray...

That our community and churches be free from the fear, stigma and prejudices about mental illness, we pray...

That we may be grateful for the gifts and contributions people with disabilities share with our church and civic community, we pray...

For people who are blind and cannot see, and for those who can see but are blind to people around them, we pray...

That all people with disabilities, their families and care-providers, know God's tender love and the support of a welcoming community, we pray...

That we recognize the gifts and contributions of all people, especially individuals with cognitive disabilities, we pray...

That we remain patient, sensitive and understanding to the needs of people with disabilities and their families, we pray...

That we are sensitive, understanding and supportive to the needs of individuals and families who have children with autism spectrum disorders, we pray...

May

Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month
 Hepatitis Awareness Month
 Huntington's Disease Awareness Month
 National Arthritis Month
 National Mental Health Month
 National Stroke Awareness Month
 National Trauma Awareness Month
 National Suicide Awareness Week

For increased sensitivity and creativity to break down the attitudinal and architectural barriers preventing the full inclusion of people with disabilities, we pray...

For members of our communities and families touched by the loss of a loved one through suicide, we pray...

June

Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week
 National HIV Testing Day

For people who may feel isolated by their disabilities, and for people who contribute to that sense of isolation, we pray...

August

Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month

For people who move slowly because of accident, illness or disability, and for those who move too fast to be aware of the world in which they live, we pray...

September

Leukemia Society Month
 Prostate Cancer Awareness Week
 National Sickle Cell Month
 Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
 Hearing Aid Awareness Week

For individuals and families with members who have chronic illnesses for which there is no known cure or relief, we pray..

For families and medical care professionals continued efforts to provide a cure to adults and children with life-threatening illnesses, we pray...

October

Celiac Sprue Awareness Month
 Healthy Lung Week
 National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
 National Campaign for Healthier Babies Month
 National Liver Awareness Month
 National Lupus Awareness Month
 National Spina Bifida Prevention Month
 Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Month
 National AIDS Awareness Month
 World Mental Health Day

That babies be given the necessary supports and opportunities for growth and development, we pray...

That our parish communities continue Jesus' mission of love for people with disabilities by offering appropriate support and accommodations, we pray...

November

National Alzheimer's Awareness Month
 National Diabetes Month
 National Epilepsy Month

For families and care providers who support individuals with Alzheimer's Disease. May they feel the compassionate presence of Jesus in all they do, we pray...

December

World AIDS Day

To our brothers, sisters and all families affected with HIV/AIDS, that we provide support, compassion and love, we pray...