

Called to Care for the Sick – Prayers of the Faithful

In the parable of the Good Samaritan the Lord asks that we care for our neighbours with compassion. Turning our hearts and minds to our Heavenly Father, let us ask him to hear our prayers

For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, that even in suffering, they may see more clearly the face of Christ who seeks to bind our wounds and to anoint us in our affliction.

For the stability of our National Health Service: that all who go to hospital, or reside in care homes might be given the service and attention they need; and that all who minister there might do their work with skill and patience.

For healthcare chaplains, that they may be given the grace to walk closely and faithfully with the sick and suffering, and imitate in thought, word and action the compassion of Christ.

For people with disabilities in our society who are fearful for their futures because of cuts in benefits and services; may we, and all those in authority, have a true concern for the needs of those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged.

For the faithful departed, that they may come to share with the Saints in the vision of God in heaven.

We pray with the Immaculate Virgin, who brings our needs to the attention of her Son:

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now, and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

Remembering each other we bring our silent petitions to our Father in heaven...

Lord God, open our eyes, that we might not cross the road from human need. Give us a deep love for you that we might see your love at work in this world, and that we might go and do likewise. We ask this through Christ our Lord.