

# PETITIONS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

**After each series of petitions, please respond “Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.” For the sick, send a spirit of…**

**Healing** to all the sick in our hospitals, nursing homes, rehab or care facilities, and in their homes

**Comfort** to those who have recently been diagnosed with a grave disease or who are undergoing treatments that make them ill

**Peace** to the depressed, emotionally distraught and to those with mental illnesses whose minds play tricks on them and who lose their grip on reality.

**Tranquility** to those with dementia who are forgetting their loved ones and their precious memories

**Patience** to those with chronic or debilitating diseases that rob them of energy, vigor, strength, mobility and hope for their futures.

**Joy** to children whose illnesses have limited their ability to be with their friends and families and play as children should.

**Perseverance** to our wounded warriors suffering physically or mentally from the injuries they have incurred or sights they have seen in war.

**Release** to those with addictions to food, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, pornography, sex and other addictions that rob the dignity of the human spirit and lead to illness, death and crime

**Strength** to our employees who are suffering from illnesses that make coming to work or doing their work difficult

# For all of the sick in mind, body and soul, we pray . . .

**R. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.**

**For the suffering, send a spirit of…**

**Consolation** to those who grieve the death of a loved one, a dream or vision of the future.

**Forgiveness** for broken relationships with spouses, children, parents, friends, coworkers, employers.

**Resourcefulness** to those lacking the basic necessities of life due to unemployment, underemployment, the unequal distribution of the world’s goods and natural disasters in our own country and around the world

**Bravery** to those who suffer from man’s inhumanity to man – human trafficking, tyranny, genocide, the ravages of war.

**Steadfastness** to the those persecuted for their faith and their standing up for righteousness and to those who experience prejudice because of race, ethnicity, gender or any other cause.

**Purpose** to those who have lost hope and are contemplating or have attempted suicide.

# For those who suffer in ways in which we cannot imagine or know, we pray . . .

**R. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy. For the dying, send a spirit of …**

**Consolation** to those who face death suddenly through a catastrophic health crisis, a fatal accident or violent crime.

**Courage** to people who have just received a diagnosis of a terminal condition.

**Forgiveness** where there is estrangement.

**Calm** to the dying who are restless or agitated

**Acceptance** for those whose pain we cannot relieve

# For all the dying and those who wait with them, we pray . . . R Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.

**For caregivers, send a spirit of …**

**Perseverance** to caregivers who are tired or overwhelmed

**Compassion** when we minister with patients who are difficult to get along with

**Love** when those we care far are verbally or physically abusive toward us.

**Empathy** for the front line caregivers in hospitals, nursing homes and other institutional settings

**Wisdom** to help us maintain appropriate professional boundaries

**Patience** for those who care for family members in a home setting

**Service** for home health aides, hospice nurses and other professional health care workers who enter into the intimate spaces in the homes of the sick, suffering and dying

# For all of us as we care for ourselves, our families and our patients and for all caregivers, we pray . . . R Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.