

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

2017 MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Sunday 8 October, 2017

Celebrant: In this Mental Health Week let us put on the mind of Christ and pray with one voice:

- We pray for all those who face discrimination and stigma due to mental illness, that they will find welcome and inclusion in our Church. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
- We pray for all men, women and children and especially mothers, who themselves or within their families deal with mental and emotional crises. May the joy and love of Jesus shown in the people around them bring them hope and comfort. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
- We pray for all those who struggle with mental health problems; that the Church and public agencies will act with justice to ensure the availability of necessary support services to aid in their recovery. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
- We pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire Christians everywhere to open their hearts and arms to welcome those who face mental illness. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
- We pray for all who provide services for people whose lives are affected by mental illness - social workers, counsellors, mental health professionals, pastoral care givers – that they will bear witness to God's spirit of love. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
- We pray for people with mental illness who live in areas without mental health facilities. May they find the support they need in their family, friends, and especially in Your unfailing love and guidance. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
- We pray for priests, deacons, religious and parishioners; May they grow stronger in their love and commitment to individuals and their families living with mental illness. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
- We pray for our Holy Father and all the leaders of your church. Made in your image and likeness may we glorify you name in mind, body and spirit. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord, we pray with thanks for these prayers and those we hold in our hearts, through Jesus, your son who with the Holy Spirit lives and loves forever and ever. Amen