

**Priest:** Let us pray to the God of Mercy and compassion.

1. For priests, deacons, religious and parishioners; May they grow strong in their love and commitment to individuals and their families living with a mental illness.

We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

2. That the darkness of stigma, labels, exclusion and marginalization might be dispelled by the light of greater understanding, acceptance and respect for the dignity of every person.

We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

3. For the compassion and dedication of mental health professionals and those who provide unconditional care for people suffering from mental illness.

We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

4. For the unity and mission of the church to spread the love of God and the concrete message of Jesus 'Come to me all you who labor and burdened'.

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**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

5. For all families. May the day to day struggle of life bring them closer together in a spirit of open communication and acceptance.

We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

6. For all those who have gone before us. As they now rest in peace in the arms of a loving God may we be comforted in the knowledge that their earthly struggles are over.

We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

**Priest:** God, whose compassion is everlasting, Christ has called us to carry on his mission of mercy. Hear our prayers for your Spirit that we may respond in faith and love to the gospel of your Son. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**