

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS FOR AUTISM /IDD

Lord, let thy peace fill me up until I overflow;
that where people cannot speak, I may be their advocate;
that where anyone is rejected, I may extend my arms in welcome;
that where parents are heavy burdened, I may offer a word of comfort;
that where our children struggle, I may lift them up and cheer;
that where some see disability, I may reveal to them extraordinary gifts;
that where others judge, I may share with them my deep gladness;
and that where any are overlooked, I may help the lights of all to shine.

O Giver of These Gifts,

grant that I may not so much seek to be reassured as to reassure;
to be praised, as to praise; to be accepted, as to accept;
for it is in all our uncertainty that we are inspired to hope;
it is in great challenges that we discover our greatest joys,
and it is in our community of wanderers that we find the way home.

Amen.

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Consider using one of these prayer intentions in your Universal Prayers at Sunday Liturgy through the month of April or anytime during the year.

- +That families that include members with autism and other disabilities will find a welcoming home in the Catholic Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- +For parishes to find the resources they need to reach out to all their members, especially those with autism and other disabilities, new parents, older parishioners, busy families, and veterans and their families, let us pray to the Lord.
- +For our parish family, that our community will model the welcoming and inclusive ministry of Jesus, seeking always to see the image of God in every person.
- +That growth in understanding of autism and other disabilities will lead to relationships of support and increase a sense of belonging for those who live with disabilities and their families.
- +That families and all who live with autism and other disabilities find their faith to be a source of strength, community, and hope.

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