

**April is Autism Awareness Month in Parishes  
Petitions for use during the  
Prayers of the Faithful**

*(Please include one of the following petitions each week during April Masses to maintain awareness focus throughout the month.)*

That individuals and families living 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 Church to have the heart of Christ, seeking to nurture the flourishing of ALL its people, regardless of ability and disability, 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, let us pray to the Lord.

That growth in understanding of autism and other disabilities will lead to relationships of support and an increased sense of belonging for individuals with disabilities and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

That individuals and families who live with autism and other disabilities find their faith to be a source of strength, community, and hope, let us pray to the Lord.