



## **Friends of St. John the Caregiver**

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### **Prayers of Intercession (Prayers of the Faithful) for Family Caregivers**

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1. Add “and for their caregivers”:  
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[www.catholiccaregivers.com/bulletin\\_briefs.html](http://www.catholiccaregivers.com/bulletin_briefs.html)
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#### **Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

In thanksgiving for the caregivers in our parish who give comfort to their loved ones,  
we pray to the Lord.

#### **Monday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

For family caregivers who, like Mary, have answered “yes” to God’s invitation to serve,  
we pray to the Lord.

#### **Sunday, December 14, Third Sunday of Advent**

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

For those caring for a loved one who is brokenhearted because of the many changes and  
challenges in his or her life,  
we pray to the Lord.

#### **Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

That caregivers, though at times their hearts are troubled and they are afraid, will know the  
presence of God as they go about their many caregiving duties,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Thursday, December 25, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25; Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14; Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 (15); Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

That caregivers and care-receivers may be richly blessed on this feast of love incarnate,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, December 28, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

For all sons and daughters now taking care of a father or mother who is sick, elderly, disabled or frail,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Thursday, January 1, The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

That God will bless and keep all family caregivers, look upon them kindly and give them peace,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, January 4, The Epiphany of the Lord**

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

For those who, day after day, give the gifts of compassion and concern by their respectfully caring for a loved one,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, January 11, The Baptism of the Lord**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11/Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

That any caregivers and care-receivers who have been baptized into the Church, but been away from it for a time, may return to the sacraments and the grace Christ offers through them,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, January 18, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

For those who have responded “Here I am, Lord” to God’s call to care for a spouse, aging parent, child or sibling with special needs, family member or friend,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, January 25, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

For caregivers who have left their jobs and their homes to return home to take care of an aging father or mother,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, February 1, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

That, as a parish and as individuals, we will never hesitate to help ease the anxieties and concerns of caregivers assisting a loved one,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, February 8, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

That during this week that includes the World Day of the Sick on February 11th, those who are ill and their caregivers will feel the comforting presence of God when they need it most, we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, February 15, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

That family caregivers know they can turn to the Lord in times of trouble and that He will give them peace of mind and heart, we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, February 22, First Sunday of Lent**

Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

That throughout this season of Lent all parishioners will pray for those who are taking care of a loved one who is sick, elderly, disabled or frail, we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, March 1, Second Sunday of Lent**

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

For family caregivers who, at times, can feel that they are being put to the test, we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, March 8, Third Sunday of Lent**

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 (29), or, for Year A, Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

For all those honoring their father or mother by taking care of an aging parent, we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, March 15, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 (32) or, for Year A, 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

That the beginning of spring may be a time of renewal and hope for all family caregivers, we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, March 22, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 (35) or, for Year A, Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

That family caregivers will be given the grace to see that in serving their loved ones they are serving Christ, we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

That family caregivers, sometimes weary from so many responsibilities, will know that this community is praying for them, we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

That all caregivers grieving because of the recent death of their loved will find peace and hope in Christ's Resurrection,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, April 12 Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday**

Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

That families caring for a loved one may, with one heart and one mind, put aside past differences and come together in love and service,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, April 19, Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

That the Author of Life will give peace and strength to family caregivers who are helping a loved one who is nearing the end of his or her life,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, April 26, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

In thanksgiving for all those, especially family caregivers, who perform countless good deeds to help those who have physical, mental or emotional illnesses,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, May 3, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

For family caregivers who love not simply in word or speech but in deed and truth,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, May 10, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

For all those taking care of an aging mother, and for all mothers taking care of a child with special needs,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, May 17, Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

For former family caregivers grieving the death of a loved one who has been taken from them into heaven,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, May 24, Pentecost Sunday**

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/  
Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27;  
16:12-15

That the Holy Spirit will fill the hearts and homes of all family caregivers and their care-receivers,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, May 31, The Most Holy Trinity**

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

For those who, being led by the Spirit, have accepted the vocation of family caregiver and are assisting a loved one who is sick, elderly, disabled or frail,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, June 7, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

For priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist who bring the Body of Christ to care-receivers and caregivers in homes, hospitals and nursing homes,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, June 14, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34**

For family caregivers who, at times, God asks to courageously walk by faith, not by sight,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, June 21, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

For all those taking care of an aging father, and for all fathers taking care of a child with special needs,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, June 28, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

For those helping a loved one who has a serious medical issue or chronic condition, or is in the final months or weeks of life,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, July 5, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

For those who, hearing the Lord speak to them and ask them to help, have accepted the vocation of caring for a loved one who is sick, elderly, disabled or frail,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, July 12, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

For the long-distance caregivers in our parish who – like the apostles sent by Jesus – are helping a loved one living in a different city, state or region,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, July 19, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

That as fellow parishioners, family members and friends, we will readily step forward so that the family caregivers among us have opportunities to “come away . . . and rest awhile,”  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, July 26, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

For family caregivers who so often feel overwhelmed: May they know that Jesus is with them and continues to bless and multiply their efforts just as he blessed and multiplied the five small loaves and two little fish,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

That just as God gave the Israelites manna in the desert, day by day, he will give family caregivers the strength, patience and perseverance they need to continue helping their loved ones,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, August 9, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

That kindness and compassion may be the hallmarks of the relationship between caregivers and those in their care; and, if their relationship has been strained in the past, that a spirit of forgiveness will bring reconciliation,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, August 16, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

That our parish will give thanks always for caregivers and their example of Christian love and service,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, August 23, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

For all those who are taking care of their husband or their wife,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, August 30, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

For all parents taking care of a son or daughter with special needs; and for sons and daughters taking care of an aging parent,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, September 6, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 35:4-7a/James 2:1-5/Mark 7:31-37

For family caregivers whose hearts are frightened: May they find strength and courage, knowing the Lord is with them,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, September 13, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 50:5-9a/James 2:14-18/Mark 8:27-35

In thanksgiving for family caregivers who, day after day, demonstrate their faith by their works,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, September 20, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20/James 3:16—4:3/Mark 9:30-3

For those who have recently been called to serve a loved one as his or her caregiver,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, September 27, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Numbers 11:25-29/James 5:1-6/Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

That God will richly blessing all those who give “a cup of water” — and so much more — to a loved one who needs care,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, October 4, Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

For all family caregivers, that on Respect Life Sunday and throughout the year, they will know in their hearts that caregiving is pro-life,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, October 11, Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

For adult children who make many sacrifices — sometimes including giving up their careers, homes and friends — to take care of their aging parents,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, October 18, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

In thanksgiving for the family caregivers in our parish and their continuing example of service,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, October 25, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

For parents taking care of a child with special needs: May God always “console them and guide them”; and may we, their fellow parishioners, always be ready to offer them our support,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, November 1, All Saints**

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

That all family caregivers will be richly blessed for the mercy and kindness they show to their care-receivers,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, November 8, Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

For adult children helping an aging parent who is a widow or widower,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, November 15, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

For those taking care of a loved one who wants to end his or her life: May the loving care they provide help that person wait for the hour and the day that belongs to God alone,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, November 22, Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

That as members in Christ’s kingdom, we will continue to offer our prayers and other acts of support to our fellow parishioners who are caregivers,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day**

Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28 (506), or, for Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the *Lectionary for Ritual Masses*, vol. IV, the Mass, "In Thanksgiving to God," nos. 943-947 (see esp. Sir 50:22-24 (943.2)/1 Cor 1:3-9 (944.1)/Lk 17:11-19 (947.6))

In thanksgiving for the caregivers in our families, in our parish and in our Church throughout the world,

we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, November 29, First Sunday of Advent**

Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

May the Lord help caregivers increase and abound in love for their care-receivers, especially when those caregivers feel tired, angry or frightened,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent**

Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

For family caregivers in whom God has begun a good work; and for us, their fellow parishioners: that we will offer our support in helping them continue to complete it,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent**

Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

That caregivers who are frightened or discouraged will know that God is in their midst and he will renew them in his love,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

For long-distance caregivers who will be traveling home to visit loved ones who are sick, elderly, disabled or frail,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Friday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 (13)

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14)

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 (15)

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

For parents whose child has special needs,  
we pray to the Lord.

**Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

For family caregivers who continue to show us what it means to love another person as God has commanded us to love,  
we pray to the Lord.