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

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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.

Tuesday, 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 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, 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 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/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.

Friday, January 1, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

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

For all those helping a mother who is sick, elderly, disabled, or frail,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, January 3, The Epiphany of the Lord

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

That through helping their loved ones, family caregivers will better see Christ,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, January 10, The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

That those who have accepted God's invitation to take care of one of his beloved sons or daughters will know that God is very pleased with them and their caregiving,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

For caregivers, who though at times are frightened and tired, will continue to have the faith to do whatever Jesus asks them to do,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

That in concrete and practical ways, we will support fellow members of the Body of Christ who are family caregivers,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, January 31, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

In thanksgiving for family caregivers who, by their actions, live the kind of love St. Paul talks about in today's second reading,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

For the family caregivers in our parish who have responded to God's asking for help for one his beloved son or daughter by saying "Here I am. Send me.",
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, February 14, First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

That as Lent begins, members of our parish make an extra effort to help family caregivers who, throughout the year, make so many sacrifices in the name of love,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, February 21, Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

That like Peter, James, and John seeing the transfigured Lord on the mountain, family caregivers will recognize that when they are helping their loved one, they are truly helping Christ himself,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, February 28, Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9, 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 the family caregivers in our parish who, responding day after day to God's call, continue to do the will of the one who sent them to help a loved one,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, March 6, Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32, 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

For all parents taking care of a child with special needs, and for siblings who are helping a brother or sister,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, March 13, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11, 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

For all former family caregivers who are grieving the loss of their loved one,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, March 20, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Lk 19:28-40 / Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

For family caregivers who, in so many ways, "empty themselves" in service to their care-receivers,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, March 27, Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Lk 24:1-12 (41)

or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

That all the caregivers and care-receivers in our parish will know that the Risen Lord is with them today and every day,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, April 3, Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

For all family caregivers who, at times, feel overwhelmed with doubts and fears,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, April 10, Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

For family caregivers who, in so many ways, “tend Christ’s lambs” and “feed his sheep,”
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, April 17, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

For former caregivers mourning the loss of their loved ones: May God “wipe away every tear from their eyes” and may they know he has led their care-receivers “to springs of life-giving water,”
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, April 24, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

For family caregivers who, at times, “undergo many hardships” in their service to loved ones,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, May 1, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

For those taking care of a husband or wife: That when their hearts are troubled and they are afraid, they may experience Christ’s peace,
we pray to the Lord.

Thursday, May 5, The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

That caregivers, as they move through the times and seasons of their helping a loved one, will know that their heavenly Father is with them every step of the way,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, May 8, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

That family caregivers, sometimes frightened or discouraged, will know that “before the foundation of the world” they have been loved by the same God who now asks them to help his beloved son or daughter,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, May 15, 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 Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26

That family caregivers, in their many “different forms of service,” find courage and comfort through the gifts of the Holy Spirit,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, May 22, The Most Holy Trinity

Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

That all caregivers and care-receivers may take delight in each other, just as God—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — takes delight in each of us,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, May 29, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

In thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist and for those who bring Holy Communion to care-receivers and their caregivers,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, June 5, Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:17-24/Gal 1:11-19/Lk 7:11-17

For parents and siblings who are caring for a family member with special needs,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, June 12, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Gal 2:16, 19-21/Lk 7:36—8:3 or 7:36-50

For all long-distance caregivers who will be visiting their loved ones during the summer months,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, June 19, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24

For the family caregivers in our parish who, daily, deny themselves and accept the vocation of caring for their loved one,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, June 26, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

For family caregivers who set an example of what it truly means to “serve one another through love,”
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, July 3, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

For family caregivers who, like the seventy-two in today’s Gospel, have been sent by Christ to help others,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, July 10, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

For the “Good Samaritans” in our parish and families who are taking care of a loved one who is elderly, frail, sick or disabled,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, July 17, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

For family caregivers, who at times feel overwhelmed with anxiety and worry, may find moments of peace and rest,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, July 24, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

That as a parish and as individuals, we will remember the family caregivers among us in our prayers and in our stepping forward to help them,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, July 31, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

That family caregivers will always know that by helping a loved one they are rich in what matters to God,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, August 7, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

For family caregivers who, like the good servant in today's Gospel, remain vigilant to the needs of their loved ones,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, August 14, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

For family caregivers helping a spouse, parent, child with special needs or other loved one, that – filled with God's gifts of faith and hope – they persevere in their vocation of love while keeping their eyes fixed on Jesus,
we pray to the Lord.

Monday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

That the Blessed Mother, who was "Our Lady in Need" at the foot of the cross, will intercede for all care-receivers having a difficult time accepting help from their caregivers,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, August 21, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

For the family caregivers in our parish who, in so many ways, put their care-receivers' needs ahead of their own needs,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, August 28, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

That as a parish we will offer practical support to family caregivers, especially to those who are trying to accomplish what is beyond their strength,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, September 4, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

For long-distance caregivers who, because of circumstances beyond their control, can't live near or with their loved one who needs help,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, September 11, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

For those whom God has appointed to the ministry, to the vocation, of being a family caregiver,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, September 18, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

That members of a family who disagree about how to take care of a their loved one needing help
can reach compromises without anger or argument,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, September 25, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

For those taking care of a loved one who has dementia: May God bless them with love, patience
and gentleness,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, October 2, Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2-3;2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

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 9, Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

For long-distance caregivers helping a loved one who lives in another part of the country or back
in their homeland,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, October 16, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

For family caregivers who demonstrate the virtue of persistence, whether it is convenient or
inconvenient, as they help their loved ones,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, October 23, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

For caregivers who humbly take care of their loved ones in so many ways,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, October 30, Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 11:22—12:2/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

That caregivers will know that our all-powerful God is also an all-loving God and their care-
receivers are his beloved sons and daughters,
we pray to the Lord.

Tuesday, 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 6, Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

That the Lord will bless family caregivers with hope, encouragement, and strength,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, November 13, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

For family caregivers, who by their perseverance, are helping their loved one in so many ways,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, November 20, Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

For all family caregivers, especially those whose loved one, because of dementia, has difficulty remembering him or her,
we pray to the Lord.

Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving Day

Sir 50:22-24 /1 Cor 1:3-9/Lk 17:11-19 (947.6)

In thanksgiving for all family caregivers, especially those in our parish and in our family,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, November 27, First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

For all long-distance caregivers, especially those preparing to visit their loved one over this upcoming Christmas season,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, December 4, Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

For all those taking care of a spouse, that the Holy Spirit will bless them with wisdom, understanding and strength,
we pray to the Lord.

Thursday, December 8, Feast of 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 11, Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

For those in our parish taking care of a son, daughter or sibling who has special needs, that when their patience is stretched to the breaking point, they can find comfort remembering that they and their loved ones are in our prayers,
we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

For long-distance caregivers who are unable to be with their care-receivers this Christmas, we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, December 25, The Nativity of Our 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; Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

For all family caregivers, that on this day and on every day of the year, they may remember “Emmanuel” – God is with them, we pray to the Lord.