

Prayers in the Week for Mental Health Awareness

- For all those who face discrimination and stigma due to mental illness, that they will find welcome and inclusion as branches of Jesus' vine, Let us pray to the Lord.
- For all men, women, and children who themselves or within their families deal with mental and emotional crises, that the joy and love of Jesus may bring them comfort, Let us pray to the Lord.
- For all those who struggle with mental health problems, that the Church and public agencies will act with justice to ensure the availability of necessary support services to aid in their recovery, Let us pray to the Lord.
- That the Holy Spirit will inspire Christians everywhere to open their hearts and arms to welcome those who face mental illness, Let us pray to the Lord.
- For all who provide services for people whose lives are affected by mental illness – social workers, counsellors, mental health professionals, pastoral caregivers – that they will bear witness to God's spirit of love, Let us pray to the Lord.

- For people with a mental illness, and their families, to find effective treatment for their illness and understanding and acceptance from others, We pray to the Lord.
- For families who strive to understand and help their loved ones with mental illness, We pray to the Lord.
- For people who live on the streets without homes or hope, We pray to the Lord.
- For people with mental illness who are confined in prison, We pray to the Lord.
- In thanksgiving for the compassion and dedication of mental health professionals and those providing care, We pray to the Lord.
- For our elected officials to come to an understanding of the need for increased funding for mental health care, We pray to the Lord.
- That the darkness of stigma, labels, exclusion and marginalisation might be dispelled by the light of greater understanding, acceptance and respect for the dignity of every person, We pray to the Lord.