Prayers of Intercession (Prayers of the Faithful)

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Four FREE and EASY Ways to <u>Help the Caregivers in Your Parish</u>

- Add "and for their caregivers":
 --when praying during Mass for members of the parish who are ill
 --when listing sick members' names in the parish bulletin.
- 2. Add a link to www.YourAgingParent.com on your parish Web site ("Spirituality, Information and Resources for Catholic Caregivers")
- 3. Include CatholicCaregiving.com Bulletin Briefs in your parish bulletin: www.catholiccaregivers.com/bulletin_briefs.htm
- 4. Order free material for family caregivers from YourAgingParent.com: www.youragingparent.com/order_form_091022.pdf

Sunday, April 3, Fourth Sunday of Lent

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 all family caregivers, as they "walk in the dark valley" of uncertainty and fear may be aware that the Lord, their shepherd, walks with them, we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, April 10, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 For all former caregivers mourning the death of their care-receivers: May they find comfort knowing that Christ has called their loved one to eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, April 17, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54 That during this Holy Week caregivers will realize that even though they may not be able to attend services at their church, they are offering a tremendous service to a beloved son or daughter of God every day, we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, April 24, Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Mt 28:1-10 (41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35 In thanksgiving for the family caregivers in our parish: May the Risen Lord richly bless them and their loved ones today and always, we pray to the Lord.