

## **Prayers of Intercession (Prayers of the Faithful)**

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### **Three FREE and EASY Ways to Help the Caregivers in Your Parish**

1. 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](http://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](http://www.catholiccaregivers.com/bulletin_briefs.htm))

### **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.

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