

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 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)

Sunday, May 3, 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 10, Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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, Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

For spouses taking care of their husband or wife: May they better realize they are friends of Jesus because they are doing what he has commanded us to do: to love, we pray to the Lord.

Sunday, May 24, 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 31, 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.