



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

World Mental Health Day 2012 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

10 OCTOBER 2012

Celebrant:

Dear Brothers and sisters, we join our prayers with those of the whole Church on this World Mental Health Day.

Reader:

For an effective recognition of the dignity of others. May we all be open to the needs of others, rooted in the virtues of hope and love.

Lord in your mercy...

For all who live with mental health difficulties. Through the care and understanding of those around them and through effective healthcare provision, may they find renewed hope and healing.

Lord in your mercy...

For all families affected by issues of mental health. May they not lose hope, but rather find comfort and strength for the challenges they face.

Lord in your mercy...

For healthcare professionals engaged in the care of those who live with difficulties in mental health. May they persevere with confident trust and find support and encouragement in those around them.

Lord in your mercy...

For those who are engaged in health legislation. That there may be renewed and unfailing effort to ensure the best provision for patients and staff.

Lord in your mercy...

For our parish communities. May we be ever open to the needs of others through our prayer, welcome and ministry to those who live with challenges in mental health.

Lord in your mercy...

In silence, we bring our own petitions to our Heavenly Father...

Lord in your mercy...

Mary stood at the foot of the Cross. Let us seek her intercession for all who suffer.

Hail Mary...

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God our all-loving Father, listen to these our prayers and grant us renewed strength and openness to the healing that is found only through Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.