



PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
You know the pain of
brokenness, You took our
weaknesses upon Your
shoulders and bore it to the
wood of the cross.
Hear our prayers for those
whose bodies and minds
betray them. Implant a love
deep within our hearts, that
we, disfigured and disabled by
our sin, may treasure and
nurture the gifts of all people.
May we find You in our
weakness, and console You in
our care for one another.
For You are Lord,
forever and ever. *Amen.*



Works of Mercy

CORPORAL

1. Feed the Hungry Mt 25:35
2. Give Drink to the Thirsty Mt 25:35
3. Clothe the Naked Mt 25:36
4. Shelter the Homeless Mt 25:35
5. Visit the Sick Mt 25:36
6. Visit the Imprisoned Mt 25:35
7. Bury the Dead Mt 25:40

SPIRITUAL

1. Instruct the Uninformed Mt 16:15
2. Counsel the Doubtful Jn 14:27
3. Admonish Sinners Lk 15:7
4. Bear Wrongs Patiently Lk 6:27
5. Forgive Offenses Mt 6:12
6. Comfort the Sorrowful Mt 11:28
7. Pray for the Living and the Dead Jn 17:24

***No one person can do everything,
but everyone can do something.***



DISABILITIES **Physical** **and** **Behavioral**





CHURCH TEACHING

Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on Persons with Disabilities

Defense of the right to life implies the defense of all other rights that enable the individual with the disability to achieve the fullest measure of personal development of which he or she is capable. These include the right to equal opportunity in education, in employment, in housing, and in health care, as well as the right to free access to public accommodations, facilities, and services.

It is not enough merely to affirm the rights of persons with disabilities. We must actively work to realize these rights in the fabric of modern society. Recognizing that persons with disabilities have a claim to our respect because they are persons, because they share in the one redemption of Christ, and because they contribute to our society by their activity within it, the Church must become an advocate for and with them. It must work to increase the public's sensitivity toward the needs of persons with disabilities and support their rightful demand for justice.

PEOPLE with DISABILITIES consist of the nation's largest minority group, as well as the only group that any of us can become a member of at any time. While we may contend with temporary disabilities when we are undergoing healing from an illness, injury, or procedure, there are many who must navigate life with permanent disabilities. There's no singular experience of what it means to be disabled, and it varies greatly in type and severity, so finding the right resources and accommodations requires individualized attention. Awareness, sensitivity, and advocacy are needed for those who might be in need but are unaware of available help.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

are impairments in physical, learning, language, or behavior that begin during the developmental stage and typically last throughout a person's lifespan, such as cerebral palsy.

BEHAVIORAL DISABILITIES

are sometimes invisible and not immediately apparent. They include mental illnesses that affect moods, behavior, and thinking. Some examples are addictions, depression, dementia, and eating disorders. One in four families cope with mental illness and its effects on a loved one and the family.

PHYSICAL

Physical disabilities are often visible. Causes could include a congenital anomaly, disease, or injury. Assistive technologies might exist that can support someone who lives with a physical disability, but access to those aids is required to make a difference.

RESOURCES and IDEAS

Learn, educate others, & donate time, treasure, &/or talent for a local organization:

Archdiocese of New Orleans Commission on Persons with Disabilities

nolacatholic.org/disabilitiescommission

Attend meetings or invite local disability advocates as guest speakers at meetings

Social Group, Every 3rd Saturday, Lunch (around noon), Piccadilly Cafeteria 2222 Clearview Pkwy, All are welcome.

National Catholic Partnership on Disability ncpd.org/

Special Children's Mass – 1st Sundays

Monthly Mass 2pm for children with disabilities & their families.

St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Met. Rd

Deaf Apostolate

nolacatholic.org/deaf-apostolate

St. Michael Special School

stmichaelspecialschool.com

St. Therese Academy sttheresenola.org

Pray— Many prayer resources:

dmidiocese.org/resources/evangelization-catechesis/disability-ministry/prayer-resources-for-people-with-disabilities

Inclusive Mass at Blessed Francis Seelos Catholic Church – Every Sunday, 9:30 am, 3037 Dauphine St.

ASK a **Local Library or Write to the editor or post on Social Media** to share info about disabilities and raise awareness

Reach out to Caregivers to see if they could use a break

Bridge House/Grace House— donate items or shop their thrift shop, 7901 Airline