

August Prayer Theme from the Social Concerns Prayer Team

Elder Care



As Catholics, we pray for older adults because every person retains God-given dignity at every stage of life. Aging may bring illness, loneliness, grief, reduced independence, or fear of becoming a burden, but it never diminishes a person's worth. Older adults also carry wisdom, faith, memory, and experience that enrich families, parishes, and communities.

We pray for their caregivers because their work is a profound act of mercy. Many care for loved ones with patience and tenderness while facing exhaustion, worry, financial strain, and difficult decisions. Prayer asks God to strengthen them, give them rest, and remind them that their loving service reflects Christ's compassion.

In praying for both older adults and caregivers, we affirm a culture of life in which no one is forgotten, discarded, or left to suffer alone.

Prayer for Older Adults and Their Caregivers

***Loving God, bless older adults
with comfort, dignity, and peace.***

***Remind them that they are
cherished, valued, and never forgotten.***

***Be especially close to those
who are lonely, ill, grieving, or afraid.***

***Strengthen all caregivers with
patience, wisdom, compassion, and rest.***

When they are weary, renew them.

***When they feel overwhelmed, reassure them
that their loving service reflects the heart of Christ.***

***Help our families, parishes, and communities honor
and care for older adults with tenderness and respect.***

Amen



***“Even to your old age I am he,
even when your hair is gray I
will carry you.” – Isaiah 46:4***

A Call to Prayer: Join the Social Concerns Prayer Team

Do you carry in your heart a deep compassion for those who are suffering—physically, emotionally, spiritually, or financially? For those living in poverty, without shelter, or burdened by loneliness?

The **Mary Queen Social Concerns Ministry** walks alongside many who are hurting and broken. We now invite our parish community to become prayerful companions in this ministry by lifting up these beloved children of God to the Lord in prayer.

As a member of the Social Concerns Prayer Team, you will receive regular emails with specific names, intentions, monthly prayer themes, and Scripture passages to guide your intercession. There are no meetings—only a shared spiritual commitment to pray intentionally, from your own home and on your own schedule.

Let us unite in prayer, trusting that our Loving God hears the cries of the poor and works through the faithful prayers of His people. To join or learn more, please contact Chris at chrisaustgen@maryqueenchurch.org or 281-482-1391.