

LITANY – A RESPONSIVE READING
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Leader: O Lord we pray for all who suffer in mind or spirit. Grant them your peace and love.

Response: Hear our prayer, O Lord

Leader: As David ministered to Saul with kindness and understanding, enable us to care of our brothers and sisters who have a mental illness.

Response: Hear our prayer, O Lord

Leader: Grant that we may identify mental illness as the disease it is and, without fear, reach out with compassion to be instruments of your grace and peace for those who suffer from mental illness.

Response: Hear our prayer, O Lord

Leader: Grant us courage and wisdom to remove the stigma of mental illness from those who suffer. Open our eyes to the need all around us. Enable us to recognize those who hurt and welcome them with the open arms of your love into the fellowship of faith, that all might find a place in the midst of your congregation.

Response: Hear our prayer, O Lord

Leader: Strengthen us with wisdom and guidance, empower us with love, patience, and understanding to accept and faithfully serve our brothers and sisters who have mental illness, through us and all who serve their needs, that they and we might be drawn closer to your Kingdom of grace and peace.

Response: Hear our prayer, O Lord. Grant us this ministry of service, nurture and witness in your Holy Name.

ALL: Amen.