

**April is Autism Awareness Month**  
**Petitions for Autism – For Use during the**  
**Prayers of the Faithful**

For all who minister in the Church, that their service to the People of God includes outreach and support to individuals with autism and their families, as well as all people with disabilities.

For our parish families, that our communities will model the welcoming and inclusive ministry of Jesus, seeking always to see the image of God in every person.

For teachers, catechists and all who work with people with autism, that their labor may be valued, and that their commitment to those who are vulnerable may inspire all to walk more firmly in the steps of Christ.

For the families of individuals with autism, that they may find the fellowship and support of parish communities willing to listen to them, cry with them, and rejoice with them when they walk through the doors of their churches.

For loved ones whose autism or other disability renders them vulnerable, may the Spirit of God protect them from harm and shield them forever from danger.

That all those who live with autism may come to know God through the warm welcome extended by their parish, that they may come to love Jesus through nurturing relationships with fellow members of the body of Christ, and that they may encounter the living Spirit of God in the warm embrace of their faith communities.

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