

# 12 Hours for the Lord

Christ the Redeemer CWL Council

## Prayers for the National Hospice Palliative Care Week

*Please give one hour of prayer on May 4<sup>th</sup> or during the week May 4<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> 2017*

### Rosary Using the Luminous Mysteries

*During our recitation of the rosary, we place our petition for increased palliative care and hospice care, and for the renewed protection of the rights of conscience for individuals and faith-based institutions, in Our Blessed Mother's hands, to present to her Son.*

#### **1. Baptism of the Lord**

We pray today for those in palliative care. That they may feel the love and compassion that their faith can bring. We pray that they feel God's love as they did on the day of their baptism.

*Spiritual Fruit: Gratitude for the gift of faith; God will hear our prayers for palliative care.*

#### **2. The Wedding of Cana**

We pray today for the children and spouses of those in palliative care. That they may find solace in prayer, and in the love of God the Father during this time of their lives. We pray that they find the support they need, so that they may bring comfort to those whom they love.

*Spiritual Fruit: Fidelity; for continued commitment to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.*

#### **3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom**

We pray today for all health care professionals. That they may be able to care for their patients in palliative care with courage and compassion. We pray that they are able to continue their important work without the fear of having to go against their beliefs regarding the sanctity of life.

*Spiritual Fruit: Desire for holiness; moving us to action in support of access to palliative care and protection of rights of conscience for individuals and faith-based institutions.*

#### **4. The Transfiguration**

We pray today for the families and friends who accompany those walking through their last days.

That they find the support they need as their loved ones take their final walk towards the Lord. We pray that they have the courage to accompany those whom they hold dear.

*Spiritual Fruit: Spiritual courage; to support the sanctity of life in spite of contrary public opinion.*

#### **5. The Institution of the Eucharist**

We pray today for those in palliative care. That they might wrap themselves in God's love and offer themselves up to him as God gives himself to us in the Eucharist. We pray that comfort is found in the Lord.

*Spiritual Fruit: Love of our Eucharistic Lord; providing strength to continue to speak for the vulnerable facing end of life.*

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### Beatitudes for Caregivers

Blessed are those who sleep poorly because of worry about their loved one, or because their loved one wakes in the night needing help, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn because their loved one, though still alive, is slipping away because of dementia, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek who force themselves to speak up and speak out to make sure their loved one receives the help he or she needs, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for answers to why this is happening to their loved one and how much longer it will go on, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are those who show mercy, kindness and compassion to their loved one, for they will be shown mercy, kindness and compassion.

Blessed are those who keep clean a loved one who is physically or mentally unable to keep himself or herself clean, for they will see God.

Blessed are those who help their loved one find moments of peace, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are misunderstood, not appreciated and taken for granted in their role as caregiver, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those whose caregiving efforts are unjustly criticized—or who are falsely accused of not caring about others—because of your love for your care-receiver and your love for God, who has asked you to help his beloved son or daughter.

### Beatitudes for Ministers to the Sick and Elderly

Blessed are you who listen to your patients, especially those with constant complaints, for you possess the ears of Christ.

Blessed are you who see the hurts of your patients, especially those overlooked by others, for you possess the eyes of Christ.

Blessed are you who speak kindly to your patients, especially those plagued by fear or anger, for you possess the mouth of Christ.

Blessed are you who touch your patients gently, especially those bruised by insensitivity, for you possess the hands of Christ.

Blessed are you who think prayerfully of your patients, especially those alone and discouraged, for you possess the mind of Christ.

Blessed are you who show love to your patients, especially those with chronic illness, for you possess the heart of Christ.

Blessed are you who walk tirelessly to your patients, especially those with repeated calls, for you possess the feet of Christ.

Blessed are you who persevere in your ministry, especially with compassion to all patients, for you possess the healing presence of Christ, and yours is the kingdom of heaven.