

## Prayers of General Intercession for International Day of People with Disability

*Priest: In Advent time, we watch, we hope and we pray for the coming of the Lord.*

1. That Pope Francis may be granted abundant graces to guide Your Holy Church in truth and in love; so that people of all abilities may be lovingly supported in living out their Christian calling to serve the community.

We pray to the Lord.

2. That we may be gratefully aware of the gifts and contributions people with disability share with our Church and the wider community.

We pray to the Lord.

3. That all people with disability, their families and support workers, will know Your tender love expressed through the support of a welcoming community.

We pray to the Lord.

4. That babies and their families will be given the necessary supports and opportunities for growth and development before, during and after birth.

We pray to the Lord.

5. That You will ease the pain of all who are ill; and bless them and those who care for them.

We pray to the Lord.

6. That our parish communities will continue Jesus' mission of love for people with disability by offering appropriate support and meaningful relationships.

We pray to the Lord.

*Priest: Let us be alert to the Advent of our God and prepare the Lord's way by embracing justice and truth, finding comfort in the Christ who promises peace, and confident that our prayers are heard.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

Amen.