

## **Pastoral Care Week**

*National Pastoral/Spiritual Care Week is celebrated the last full week in October.*

God of all tenderness and compassion,  
you call us to serve as your Son, Jesus, served,  
with reverent love, joyfulness, and a deep sense of justice..  
You are infinitely powerful and need nothing,  
and yet in your wisdom and love you have entrusted to us  
the continuing mission of your Christ in this broken, beloved world.

We pray today especially for those who serve as pastoral caregivers  
at the heart of our healthcare ministry.  
Lift them up and equip them with every gift of your Holy Spirit  
that they need to bring your consolation and healing touch to all in need.  
Set their hearts on fire with love for you,  
that they may give freely of these gifts,  
for your sake and the work of the Gospel.  
Grant your healing blessing to us all,  
patients, family members, and team members,  
to the glory and praise of your Name.  
Amen.