**Prayer for Caregivers**

Let us reflect on what it means to be a “healing presence.”

It is a call …

*To listen more than we speak*

*To remain calm even when others are in chaos*

*To stay clear and focused even when no clear direction is apparent*

*To value people exactly as they are and not as we think they should be*

*To be with people who are suffering, rather than trying to have all of the answers or explain that which ultimately is “mystery”*

*To let go of the temptation to show only the clinical and professional side and hold back the personal and human side of caring*

Healing presence is not about doing something, it is about being present. And, when we enter this vulnerable state of simply *being* with another person who is in pain or in sorrow, we experience the healing power of God.

And so we pray …

Good and gracious God,

You are the source of all healing. In you we have a share of the wonderful ministry we call “healing presence.” Today, we pray for caregivers, that your grace moves through each of them to reveal your healing touch, your compassionate glance, your consoling words. Bless them in a special way today and strengthen them so that they might continue to be your healing presence to others.

We ask this in the power of your Holy Name. Amen.