

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS OF THOSE WITH DEMENTIA

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Lamentations 3: 22-24

Loving God, Healer and Comforter, we pray for those who suffer from the anxiety, ambiguity and confusion of dementia, and in a special way for their caregivers.

Give them patience as they work through familiar daily scripts and questions asked, answered and asked again.

Give them long memories to recall the fullness of their loved one's life beyond these moments of forgetting.

Give them the grace to let go of what was and embrace what is in love.

When the pain of being forgotten and the grinding trials become too much, comfort them with the promise of your Resurrection where every tear shall be wiped away and we shall know each other once more.

God of all mercies, sustain those who care for others. Grant them what they need for the moments ahead. We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, Amen.