

**SAMPLE INTENTIONS TO PROMOTE FULL INCLUSION  
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH**

**Possible Intentions for the Universal Prayer:**

For teachers, catechists and all who work with people with disabilities, that their labor may be valued, and that their commitment to those who are vulnerable may inspire all to walk more closely in the steps of Christ.

For our parish families, that they will model the welcoming and inclusive ministry of Jesus, seeking always to see the image of God in every person.

For all who minister in the Church, that their service to the People of God includes outreach and support to individuals with autism and their families, as well as all people with disabilities.

For the families of individuals with disabilities, that they may find the welcome and support of parish communities willing to listen to them, cry with them, and rejoice with them when they walk through the doors of their churches.

For loved ones whose autism or other disability renders them vulnerable, may they be protected by the Holy Spirit from harm and danger.

That all those who live with disabilities may come to know God through the warm welcome extended by their parish, that they may come to love Jesus through nurturing relationships with fellow members of the body of Christ, and that they may encounter the living Spirit of God in the warm embrace of their faith communities.

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