

## **Mental Health Awareness Week- October 4-10, 2015**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

For persons with a mental illness, and their families to find effective treatment for their illness and understanding and acceptance from others, we pray to the Lord.

For families who strive to understand and help their loved ones with mental illness, we pray to the Lord.

For people who live on the streets without homes or hope, we pray to the Lord.

For people with mental illness who are confined in jails and prisons, we pray to the Lord.

In thanksgiving for the compassion and dedication of mental health professionals and those providing care, we pray to the Lord.

For our elected officials to come to an understanding of the need for increased funding for mental health care, we pray to the Lord.

That the darkness of stigma, labels, exclusion and marginalization might be dispelled by the light of greater understanding, acceptance and respect for the dignity of every person, we pray to the Lord.

For each of us to reach out with support as we form a caring community, we pray to the Lord.