

# Hope Task Force Catholic Diocese of Columbus

March 2020

Sample Prayer, Bulletin Announcements, and Media Posts

## **Theme: Persons with Disabilities**

*March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month*

## March Bulletin Announcements:

### **Embrace**

“All persons with disabilities have gifts to contribute to the whole Church. When persons with disabilities are embraced and welcomed, and invited to participate fully in all aspects of the parish community life, the Body of Christ is more complete.” (United States Council of Catholic Bishops)

### **Welcome**

“We are a single flock under the care of a single shepherd. There can be no separate Church for persons with disabilities.” (United States Council of Catholic Bishops) In what ways do I recognize the gifts and talents of persons with disabilities and how can I ensure they are welcomed and included in our parish and community?

### **Participate**

Persons with disabilities desire full and meaningful participation in our shared mission to be missionary disciples, and they and their families should experience a true sense of belonging in their parish community. All are invited to use his or her unique gifts and talents to build up the Church and society!

### **We All Belong**

As Catholics we affirm the dignity of every human person and advocate for inclusion of persons with disabilities in the life of the Church and in society. To learn more, visit the Diocese of Columbus webpage: <https://columbuscatholic.org/persons-with-disabilities> and the National Catholic Partnership on Disability: <https://ncpd.org/>

# Prayer:

## PRAYER FOR INCLUSION

(Based on the Pastoral Statement of US Catholic Bishops on People with Disabilities)

Creator God, we are your people. We look to the future with optimism and with faith in You, as we pursue our call to provide justice and fullness of life for all people with disabilities. We pray that every man, woman, and child may develop their potential and meet You in themselves and in one another. May we enjoy a totally welcoming community, with You as our center, joined hand in hand with our sisters and brothers.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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