

6 - 12 May: National Nurses Week

Nurses Prayer

Jesus, you are the Healer
who calls all nurses to serve and to care for people in your name.

As we carry out this holy ministry,
be with us, bless us with the wisdom of your Holy Spirit
and fill us with the compassion that allows us to put the needs of those we
serve before all else.

In the midst of this highly technological and often impersonal age
let us not forget that nursing is fundamentally
about being with people in need.

It is about touch ...
a listening presence ... a willing and compassionate heart
that sees beyond symptoms and signs of illness
to a person in need and to their community of concern.

Help us to embrace the charism that is nursing ...
to make it our own
and in so doing to bring your healing presence
into the lives of people in need.

In your holy name we pray.

Amen.

- Jean deBlois, CSJ

A Blessing for Nurses

*May rest find you,
In the peaceful moments when all is still,
In the quiet times when you pause
And breathe.*

*May rest find you
In the chaos of the moment
In the sorrow you seek to heal.*

*May rest strengthen and bless you.
May it fill your spirit
And give you unearned joy.*

*May you find rest in the care of others,
In the knowledge of your worth,
In the value of your service.*

*May the One who gives rest
Bless you and hold you close.
And may you, in your very being,
Be a place of rest for others.*

Amen.

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Other Sources:

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