



## National Catholic Health Care Week 2020

# Prayers of the Faithful

The second annual National Catholic Health Care Week will be held Sunday, October 4 to Saturday, October 10, 2020. The Week recognizes the inspiring work of Catholic health care organizations across Canada.

We ask that you participate in the Week by sharing the message of Catholic health care in your parishes and communities through prayers of support, particularly during this especially challenging time of the pandemic.

*Reader:*

*We give thanks for the gift of Catholic health care in Canada and pray for all who carry on Jesus' healing ministry in our broken world today:*

1. For the Church, a company of believers who journey with the risen Lord, and who stand in prayerful solidarity with the sick, poor and marginalized.  
*We pray to the Lord.*
2. For Catholic hospitals, community health centers, and seniors care homes as they foster healing and hope for the people and communities they serve.  
*We pray to the Lord.*
3. For all people who serve our Catholic health care organizations – nurses, physicians, employees and volunteers - that they may reflect the face of Jesus as they care for those experiencing illness, disability, and end of life.  
*We pray to the Lord.*
4. For those receiving health care, especially those who are most vulnerable, that they experience empathy, compassion, and the love of God in the midst of health difficulties.  
*We pray to the Lord.*
5. For all who respond to challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to health care and our larger society; for courage to have important conversations about the experiences of illness, stigma, poverty or loneliness highlighted during this time.  
*We pray to the Lord.*
6. For the spiritual and physical well-being of all parishioners; for those who have died recently; and for those who mourn and suffer loss.  
*We pray to the Lord.*