

National Donor Sabbath: Prayers & Response Readings

Prayer of Intercession and Petition

A Litany for All Organ and Tissue Donors and Transplant Recipients

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L: Let us pray. Good and gracious God, each day is an occasion for giving thanks for life. But on this day we pause to thank You for particular lives.

P: We give You thanks for compassionate people who are willing to be donors. Bless those who donate life. May their gifts bring others the golden light of hope. Comfort each donor's family with the knowledge that their loved one gave life, even at the end.

L: The number of kindly people grows each year. But the number of people on waiting lists grows faster than the supply.

P: Extend Your grace to the children, the women, and the men who wait. Be with their families who fear, and give them Your peace.

L: Be with those who today will get the call that a suitable donor has been found.

P: Be with those who today will finish the fight, and complete their race. Grant them the prize in Your Kingdom that eluded them here on earth.

L: Forgive us for the coldness of our hearts. We don't see their faces, we don't know their names.

P: But You, O God, see them and know them. Remove from us our hearts of stone, and transplant within us hearts of flesh.

L: Be merciful, O God, and let our hearts beat for someone else. Let our lungs breathe for someone else.

P: Let our eyes give sight. Let our bones give strength.

L: Let us be the Samaritan who cared enough to make a difference, who bound wounds, and brought comfort.

P: Let us be the companions who carried their friend to the feet of Jesus for healing.

L: Let us follow the Lord's example, who laid His own life down so that others would live.

P: Let us know the joy that comes from seeing a person's life change for the better. Give us the opportunity to renew life for those who suffer.

L: And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us...

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