

PRAYERS FOR USE ON DISABILITY
AWARENESS SUNDAY OR OTHER OCCASIONS

Gracious God and loving heavenly Father, we remember that during your Son's ministry on earth, many sick people came to him or were brought to him for healing. Today, we pray for all who are ill in body, mind or spirit, that they may experience your presence with them to relieve suffering and distress.

Lord, in your compassion

Receive our prayer

Loving Jesus, you were blindfolded as men mocked you, slapped your face, and spat on you; you understand the nature of loss of vision. Bless those who are blind or who are partially sighted. Empower all organisations that seek to improve the welfare of blind people to enable them to integrate into society.

Lord, in your compassion

Receive our prayer

Loving Jesus, your back was flayed with a whip, thorns were pressed into your skull, you were nailed to a cross; you understand the pain of many in our society. Bless all who suffer as a result of accidents, those who have been

injured in the conflict in Afghanistan, those who have been scarred by our own 'Troubles'.

Lord, in your compassion

Receive our prayer

Loving Jesus, using simple sign language, you communicated with a deaf man and, with respect for his privacy, you took him away from the crowd and restored his ability to hear and speak. Bless all who are isolated because of hearing loss from friends and family, from church and society, that they may know more of your caring friendship.

Lord of compassion

Receive our prayer

Loving Jesus, you entered the darkness of the cross and felt the searing pain of being forsaken. May your love surround all those who daily face the pressures of living with learning difficulties. Bless them and all who support and sustain them.

Lord of compassion

Receive our prayer

Amen.