

## CELEBRATING SPECIAL FRIENDS WITH INDISPENSABLE GIFTS

# Prayer Points

**SUNDAY:** Lord, show us what your Word and Jesus' model have to say to us about people who experience disability — even a temporary disability — and other special needs. We understand that you consider every single person, regardless of their ability, to be an indispensable part of the Body of Christ. Praise God, we are better together!

**MONDAY:** Lord, please awaken our hearts and open our lives to new friends with disabilities, chronic health issues, mental health difficulties and aging-related conditions. Show us how to make our homes, neighborhoods, churches, schools, workplaces and communities places of welcome and belonging alongside people of all abilities.

**TUESDAY:** Holy Spirit, You give us opportunities and power to share the Good News of Christ with people of all abilities. Shape our understanding, attitudes and compassion so we bring encouragement to these friends and help them grow in faith. This includes caregiving parents, siblings, spouses, grandparents, volunteers and support staff too.

**WEDNESDAY:** Jesus, make us aware of anything that creates a barrier for someone to experience personal relationship with You. Show us how to adapt resources, buildings, programs, activities and relationships so that people of all abilities can know they matter to God. Help us to put love into action by making the Gospel fully and joyfully accessible to people of all abilities, including their families and care team members.

**THURSDAY:** Lord, help us to better understand the special needs of individuals and families who experience things like disability, chronic illness, traumatic injuries, aging-related conditions and other special needs. Open our eyes to see these friends in our midst and move us toward each other in loving ways.

**FRIDAY:** Jesus, You are a friend to all. Help us enjoy friendships with people of all abilities too. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for using our worship in community to celebrate diverse abilities and reveal the mysteries of our faith in You.

**SATURDAY:** Father God, You made each and every person with a purpose. And You promise to help us in that purpose. Help us explore creatively and compassionately how to serve alongside our friends with disabilities in the ministry of the Gospel.

*We're praying that God will unite us and transform the way we live among friends of all abilities. May our lives, families, churches, communities, and nation reflect the creative mind and heart of Jesus!*



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## VALUE ALL

We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

*Romans 12:5 NLT*

Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?”

*Exodus 4:11 ESV*

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

*Psalms 139:13-15 ESV*

## WELCOME ALL

Encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

*1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV*

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin.

*James 2:8-9 ESV*

## MAKE THE GOSPEL ACCESSIBLE

The master said, “Bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.” And the servant said, “Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.”

*Luke 14:21-22 ESV*

And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

*Mark 2:5 ESV*

## CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER

The Samaritan showed compassion in action. Jesus said, “You go, and do likewise.”

*Luke 10:37 ESV*

“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?”

*Jeremiah 32:27 ESV*

## WORSHIP TOGETHER

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

*Matthew 19:14 ESV*

Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.”

*John 9:3 ESV*

## BE A FRIEND & CO-LABORER

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*Ephesians 2:10 ESV*

The parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.

*1 Corinthians 12:22 ESV*