**MAY – Mental Health Awareness Month**

For all persons who face discrimination and stigma due to mental illness, that they will find welcome and inclusion as branches of Jesus’ vine. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all people who are living with mental illness, and for their families, we pray…

For people with mental illness who are confined in institutions, jails, and prisons, and for health professionals who care for them, we pray…

For those who are troubled in mind and spirit, we pray…

For all gathered here; may we grow stronger in our love and commitment to individuals and their families living with mental illness, we pray…

For all persons who themselves or within their families live with mental and emotional crises, that the joy and love of Jesus may bring them comfort. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all persons who live with mental health concerns, that the Church and public agencies will act with justice to ensure the availability of necessary supportive services to aid in their recovery. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who provide services for persons whose lives are affected by mental illness – social workers, counselors, mental health professionals, pastoral caregivers – that they will bear witness to God’s spirit of love. Let us pray to the Lord.

For people living with mental illness, their family members, and caregivers; may their gifts may be recognized and celebrated, and their spirit strengthened, we pray to the Lord…

For those challenged by mental illness; may they strength in Christ’s love and peace, we pray…