

# **PRAYER SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM ADDICTION OR FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

## **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

### **Greeting**

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** Today we pray for those who struggle with addiction,  
that God may strengthen them in their weakness and  
restore them to the freedom of God's children. We pray also  
for ourselves that we may encourage and support all who  
are in need.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**2 Cor. 4:6-9**

**Reader:** A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul  
to the Corinthians

For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has  
shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the  
glory of God on the face of Jesus Christ.

But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the  
surpassing power may be of God and not from us. We are  
afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but  
not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned;  
struck down, but not destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## **INTERCESSIONS**

**Leader:** Our God gives us life and constantly calls us to new life; let us pray to God with confidence.

**Reader:** Our response is: "Lord, hear our prayer."

**Reader:** For those who struggle with addiction, that God may be their strength and support, we pray,

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For all who are bound by the chains of addiction or substance abuse, that we encourage and assist them in their struggle, we pray,

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For their families and friends, that with faith and patience they show them their love, we pray,

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For all first responders and caregivers, that they may trust in the mercy of God through whom all things are possible, we pray,

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For the Church, that it may always be attentive to those in need, we pray,

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.