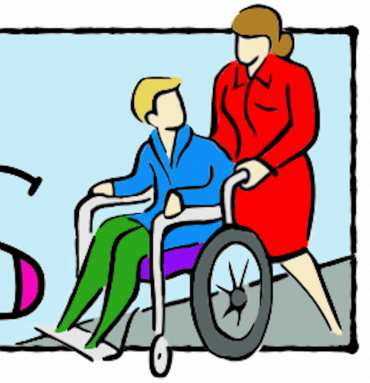


A prayer for CAREGIVERS



C IS FOR A CONSIDERATION

Lord, give them a thoughtful, caring, and humble heart. Posture them to serve the one in their charge with love, patience, and sincerity. *Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:14*

A IS FOR ADVOCATION

Enable and equip them to effectively support the weak and to speak boldly on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves. *Romans 15:1; Psalms 82:3-4*

R IS FOR REJOICING

God, grant them a happy heart that doesn't take itself too seriously. Teach them to laugh, have fun, and take pleasure in every blessing, small and large. *Philippians 4:4; Proverbs 17:22*

E IS FOR EMPATHY

Lord, fill them with love and sympathy. Help them treat those in their charge the way they'd wish to be treated themselves if the tables were turned. *Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 7:12*

G IS FOR GRACE

Lavish Your grace and mercy upon them, O God. Help them graciously address physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional needs of those in their care. *Galatians 6:9; John 1:16; Eph. 1:7-8, 2:7*

I IS FOR INSIGHT

Give them an extra measure of wisdom, discernment, and understanding, Lord, as they interact with the persons for whom they are caring. *James 1:5; Proverbs 3:21-22, 8:14*

V IS FOR VICTORY

God, grant them victory over discouragement and depression. Do not allow them to give into fear, anxiety, self-pity, or resentment. Keep their eyes fixed on you. *Romans 8:37-39; Phil. 4:6-7*

E IS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Lord, bless and encourage the hearts of both the caregivers and the ones being cared for. Send supportive friends who will listen, pray, and help in practical ways. *Ephesians 4:29; Heb. 10:23-25*

R IS FOR RESPITE

Teach them to bring all their heavy burdens to You, Jesus. Carry the load with and for them. Give them the rest and relief their souls so desperately need. *Matthew 11:28-29; Jer. 31:25; Prov. 3:24*

S IS FOR STRENGTH

God, help them recognize their inability to do anything apart from your enabling strength. Renew it daily. Perfect it. Teach them to glory in their weakness, to wait upon you, and to proclaim with conviction, "I can do all things through Christ!" *Isaiah 40:29-31, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Phil. 4:13*