

Prayer for Companions and Caregivers of Those Addicted

God of life,

We thank and praise You for remaining at the side of those who struggle with addiction.

Now, we boldly and humbly ask that You shower Your love on their companions and caregivers.

Send your Word to rescue them from codependency.

Look with compassion on them as they, too, struggle to love like You.

Open their hearts to your healing power of forgiveness.

Assure them of your constant presence.

Encourage them when they feel misunderstood and unappreciated.

Strengthen them to show love, kindness and patience, even when it is difficult.

Enable them to find rest in You - safe from all anxiety.

Bless them with patience, mercy and compassion,

as they persevere to be free of the bondage caused by their loved one's addiction.

Remove any feelings of anger, frustration and fear.

Support them, lift their spirits, calm their minds, and give them peace.

Give them the grace to say "no" when necessary - as their greatest act of love.

Lighten their burdens and give them courage to do what sometimes seems impossible.

Allow the quiet assurance of Your loving presence to be their companion

as they face the challenges of caregiving.

Amen.

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