

DAILY PRAYER

(for the week of May 8 - 15)

Especially today, O God, we pray for those who have been family for us. Some are family by blood and biology; some, by spirit and friendship; all by love.

These are the people who surround us with care and affection, concern, and commitment. These are the blessed people dear to my heart. These are they to whom I belong and who belong to me.

We know that not everyone has the ability to provide and preserve such loving belonging. We pray especially for those whose hearts and lives have been broken so that they cannot—fear they cannot—offer the love and security of warm hearths, gentle days, and gracious evenings of tenderness and grace.

For those known to us and especially dear to you who have no genuine place of grace, we pray with deep compassion. If there is someone I could offer a spirit of belonging, someone who needs the gift of light and peace in a world too often dark and dangerous, please guide me to respond as best I can. I pray especially for those who have no children or family, but who have much to offer.

Guide us, O God, as we belong to each other and to you. Amen.