



Individual Blessing of the Hands

Oil is used as an expression of strength, power and presence of God in all that we do.

Prayer:

May God bless the work of your hands in bringing healing in body, mind and spirit to all those He places in your care.

May God, who called you as His ministers, guide your hands as instruments of His compassion to all in need.

May God anoint your caring hands with His power and bless you now and always, for blessed are they who serve in the name of the Lord.

Amen.



Blessing of Caregivers



Let us pray together:

Loving and gracious God, source of all life and goodness, hear the prayers we have for those who work to provide care and support especially for the residents and clients of Saint Joseph's Center. Give us strength and courage to carry out our duties with care, concern, compassion and commitment. May we always reflect the everlasting love that you have for all of Creation and for all in need of your protection. We ask for your blessing upon all of us and the work of our hands and hearts. **AMEN.**



Scripture Reading:

First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12: 4-11



Blessing Prayer of the Hands

(Please hold your hands out and reflect on all the wonderful work of your hands as you fulfill your duties for the needs of our community.)

Response:

Blessed be the works of these hands, O God.

Blessed be these hands that touch life:

Blessed be these hands that have felt pain. **R.**

Blessed be these hands that embrace with compassion:

Blessed be these hands that express care. **R.**

Blessed be these hands that touch with kindness:

Blessed be these hands that reach out in friendship. **R.**

Blessed be these hands that hold the hands to show love:

Blessed be these hands that bring comfort to the soul. **R.**