

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

This year all councils have been asked by National to organize their own 12 hours of Prayer for Palliative care. It is suggested by our Provincial President that we all reserve **May 4, 2018** as this important day.

The following message is from previous events:

We ask that "all League members find some way to support this day of prayer. The prayer can take place within a parish church, a house of worship, a home or elsewhere. Participation may include a large congregation, a few friends or solitary prayer at home. It is recommended that parishioners, members of neighbouring churches and other faith groups be invited to participate. Where possible, it would be ideal to include the Knights of Columbus and any ecclesial movements or associations in your parish or diocese. The twelve hours can be designed around local schedules."

Suggestions for planning parish council events:

- Extend your invitation to neighbouring faith communities, family and friends.
- Plan your event in concert with National Hospice and Palliative Care Week events where possible. Supply brochures on palliative care facilities and services.
- Encourage participation in the 12 Hours of Prayer petition.
- Offer refreshments and a time for fellowship and information sharing.
- Welcome and support those who wish to share their own experiences of giving and receiving care.
- Take a free will offering for a local palliative care facility.
- Discuss ways that your council can assist in this important work.