

## LITANY FOR HISABILITY SUNDAY

Pastor: Lord, our God, we thank and praise you, because in the beginning you created the heavens and the earth.

Congregation: We praise you for your wonderful creation.

Pastor: We confess that sometimes we have remained silent while others claim that we are the result of millions of years of evolution.

Congregation: For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us our sin.

Pastor: Today we affirm our belief that you made us.

Congregation: We praise you because we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Pastor: This we believe even when sometimes some parts of the body do not work as you intended them to, for reasons known only to you.

Congregation: Yes, Father, we do praise you in all situations.

Pastor: We confess that sometimes we focus more on people's disabilities than on the abilities you have given them.

Congregation: For the sake of Jesus Christ, show mercy and forgive us our sin.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we thank you for becoming a man like us in all things except you had no sin.

Congregation: we praise you, Lord, because you understand our weaknesses and frailties.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, we praise you for giving us faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior, and for the spiritual gifts that come along with that faith.

Congregation: We praise you, Holy Spirit, for sanctifying our bodies and making them your temple.

Pastor: O Triune God, lead your church to reach out with the love of Jesus to all people, including people with disabilities.

Congregation: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we ask you to lead your church to remove any barrier that would prevent people with disabilities from full participation in the life of your church.

Congregation: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Note: Here the pastor may add petitions relating to special needs in the congregation.