

## Prayer for World AIDS Day

Most Gracious and Compassionate God,  
On this World AIDS Day,  
We are mindful that countless people are at risk  
Of joining the 36.7 million currently infected with AIDS.\*

You are greater than any disease or plague;  
And now we ask, as you have done in times past,  
Heal and comfort those who are suffering.

Be with those who may learn today  
That they or a loved one  
May have been tested HIV-positive.

God of mercy, we confess  
That we have often turned our backs  
On those with HIV/AIDS,  
Those who are sick and dying.

We ask you to forgive our disparaging attitudes,  
Our indifference, and our failures to offer a helping hand.

Help us to hear their cries  
And to respond to their needs with compassionate love,  
And to be your welcoming face of mercy. Amen.

— Dianna Ortiz, O.S.U.



“Answer me when I call,  
God of my justice!  
Give me relief from my distress!  
Have mercy! Hear my prayer!”

— Psalm 4: 1-2

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### Education for Justice Resources on HIV/AIDS

- HIV/AIDS and the Faith Community: <http://bit.ly/1Csu7R3>
- Film: *Endgame: AIDS in Black America*: <http://bit.ly/1vBtjuq>

\* Source: The Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic: <http://bit.ly/ZGKoFB>

