



Some suggested Prayers of the Faithful inspired by the words of Québec's bishops concerning Bill 52

As the day approaches when Members of the National Assembly will be called upon to vote on a bill that would legalize euthanasia under the name of "medical aid in dying," let us present our intentions to the Lord.

- In his Apostolic Exhortation entitled “The Joy of Gospel,” Pope Francis issued the following appeal: “Small yet strong in the love of God, like Saint Francis of Assisi, all of us, as Christians, are called to watch over and protect the fragile world in which we live, and all its peoples.”

May the Lord grant us the strength and courage to draw near to the seriously ill and the dying, and to be witnesses for them of God's love and of the hope of eternal life.
— *We pray to the Lord.*

- Let us pray for the Members of our National Assembly. May their hearts and consciences be opened to the light of the Holy Spirit; by that light, may they join together their efforts such that every Quebecer might benefit, at the end of life, from a genuine aid to the dying in the form of palliative care, and not euthanasia.
— *We pray to the Lord.*
- In company with our bishops, who have expressed their firm opposition to this proposed law, let us entrust ourselves to the intercession of the Saints and Blesseds who have lived in Québec and who were noted for their devotion to the sick:

Blessed François de Laval, first Bishop of Québec,
— *Pray for us.*

Saint Brother André,
— *Pray for us.*

Saint Marguerite d'Youville,
— *Pray for us.*

Blessed Catherine de Saint-Augustin,
— *Pray for us.*