

## What is autism?

A variable developmental disorder that appears by age three and is characterized especially by difficulties in forming and maintaining social relationships, by impairment of the ability to communicate verbally or nonverbally, and by repetitive behavior patterns and restrictive interests and activities. (merriam-webster.com)

## <u>Autism vary from Mild, Moderate, Severe</u>

**Mild Autism** - a person may require minimal or no support in day to day living skills.

**Moderate Autism** - a person may need support, may be non verbal or limited speaking. The person may have noticeable behavior concerns, repetitive habits and echolalia (echoing the words of another person).

**Severe Autism** - a person may not speak at all or have noticeable regression. The person may need much support from the caregiver.

## **Care and Support**

Everyone has strengths and challenges. Rather a person has high functioning capabilities or needs much support, let us treat those in need with dignity and regard.

With GOD's help, may we provide care to those whom we are able. In JESUS Name. Amen.

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Thank you.