

CWS BLANKETS SUNDAY LITANY

LEADER: We have come together today to offer our gifts of Blankets to be distributed by Church World Service to places where disasters have occurred, people are on the move and where basic resources have grown scarce. As we dedicate these gifts, let us join in prayer.

PEOPLE: **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Jesus said, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

PEOPLE: **God of love, you created us to love you and to love one another.**

LEADER: God of promises, you remind us again and again that you are present with your people.

PEOPLE: **God is good to all and has compassion for all creation.**

LEADER: God of warmth, you are with our neighbors who are cold and need some comfort.

PEOPLE: **May my gift of a blanket shelter families from the cold and help to keep them warm.**

LEADER: God of hope and promises, you remind us of your rainbow and of your love for all people.

PEOPLE: **May my gift of a blanket give hope and promise to victims of floods, hurricanes and other emergencies.**

LEADER: Gracious God, bless these blankets, that they might bring comfort to those who need it. Bless those who will receive these blankets. Let them know your love through these gifts.

PEOPLE: **May the Blankets we offer today contribute to this sacred work and may those who receive these blankets sense your loving kindness and find their hope renewed.**

LEADER: God of compassion, renew us in hope and service as we offer our gifts and our lives to you.

ALL: **Amen.**