As we celebrate our loved ones this Valentine’s Day, we remember that Christ shared his love with all people. Today we have the opportunity to share Christ’s love with our neighbors around the world through the Church World Service Blanket Offering. Let us pray.

A mother covers her children with a blanket to shield them from the cold. May my gift of a blanket shelter families from the cold and help to keep them warm.

A volunteer distributes blankets to the homeless living on the streets. May my gift of a blanket provide shelter to people who are without homes.

After the flood, God sent a rainbow of hope and promises. May my gift of a blanket give hope and promise to victims of floods, hurricanes and earthquakes.

The Good Samaritan took the beaten man to a safe place so he could receive care. May my gift of a blanket provide warmth to our sisters and brothers who are seeking a safe place to stay.

Ruth arrived in Bethlehem, a refugee with nothing. May my gift of a blanket provide shelter for displaced people around the world.

After Jesus had risen, he returned to his followers, instructing them to care for his sheep. May my gift of a blanket provide warmth and shelter.

May we remember that God loved us first and we share this love with all people. May my gift of a blanket provide comfort and privacy and healing and hope wherever God’s people may need care.

In Jesus’ name, we offer these gifts. Amen.

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