

## Blessing the CWS Blankets

**Leader:** Let us pray. God of great love who taught us all compassion, we continue to share the blessings that we have received from you with our neighbors.

**People:** Who are our neighbors?

**Leader:** A mother sheltering her children from the cold. A family looking for a new home. A homeless person living on the streets. May we recognize them as God's children.

**People:** How will these blankets help?

**Leader:** The blankets we bless today represent our compassion for our brothers and sisters. With the blankets we send our love and our witness to the presence of God's divine nature in our world.

**People:** We bear witness.

**Leader:** That the people who donated these blankets will provide a blessing of God's love in this world.

**People:** We send our love.

**Leader:** Acknowledging that we first received this love from God and pray that in so sending these blankets that God's grace will spread far and wide.

**People:** This is our prayer.

**Leader:** Bless the givers, the blankets we provided, the work of Church World Service to deliver the blankets on our behalf and the lives of all who receive our blankets, with God's great love.

**All:** Amen.