An Order of Service for the Dedication of We Care Kits and Quilts

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: We gather today to give thanks to God and to seek God’s blessing as we dedicate these We Care kits & quilts to the praise and glory of God and for the work and mission of others.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK:

Jesus said, “Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They [the disciples] replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

(Mark 10:38b-45)

LET US PRAY:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of the universe. You have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift. You have commanded us to show your splendour to the world around us in the community we live in, and to praise you with lives of love, justice and joy.

Gathering around these kits and quilts, we give you thanks, compassionate God, for Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) and this ministry response to the needs in our world. Send your Holy Spirit on us as we dedicate these We Care kits & quilts to your glory and for your mission in the world. Give us hands to share your peace, give us feet to move for justice, give us hearts to share in the joys and pains of others; give us spirits to seek your presence in the world. May our work in this place seek to build your kingdom on earth, providing hope, peace, love and justice for all humanity.

As we dedicate these We Care kits & quilts to your glory we ask that you continue to bless us with your presence each and every day, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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