**Quilt & Kit Blessing**

**L:** Lord, we’ve come seeking your blessing for these things we lay before you, the work of our hands and our hearts;

**C:** Bless now our eyes that we may see you.

**L:** We pray for the ministry of Lutheran World Relief and our partnership together to be your hands and feet in a hurting world;

**C:** Bless our labor, that our hearts would be joyful in this work you have given us.

**L:** When we’ve gathered Kits for babies’ care, grant us to see you small as once you were, swaddled and washed in the manger;

**C:** Let us see you in the babies wrapped in these blankets.

**L:** When we’ve gathered Kits for school and study, grant us to see you with the teachers, as once you tarried in the temple;

**C:** Let us see you in the hands of the children writing in these notebooks.

**L:** When we’ve gathered Kits for sewing and working, grant us to see you at labor, as once your hands worked your father’s tools;

**C:** Let us see you in the fingers of those who will take up this fabric and thread.

**L:** When we’ve gathered Kits for cleansing and healing, grant us to see you dusty from the road and heavy with care;

**C:** Let us see you in the smiles brightened by these toothbrushes.

**L:** And when we’ve made Quilts for protection from cold and a shield from heat, grant us to see you as once you had no place to lay your head;

**C:** Let us see you in the arms reaching out to receive these Quilts.

**L:** Grant us this view of the world with heaven’s sight,

**C:** That we may more fully embrace our calling as your servants.

**L:** Give us courage to glimpse our world turned upside down, then bless us with your unworldly peace.

**C:** In the Name of Jesus Christ, our Servant Lord, Amen.

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