



Members of St. James Lutheran Church in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania gather to bless a quilt they have completed.

# QUILT AND KITS OF CARE BLESSING

When the final stitch is put in the last quilt and/or the kits of care are sealed, you are invited to gather and ask God to bless your work and pray for those who will receive your outreach of love. This litany can be used and adapted as a part of worship, a small group gathering, or in whatever setting makes sense for your group.

## SCRIPTURE

Read together the story of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37. If time allows (and the group is right), invite participants to act out the parable as it is being read.

## BLESSING

Gather participants in close to lay hands on the quilts/kits. In larger settings, invite participants to extend their arms out in front of them as an act of blessing.

**L:** God, you have called us to go and do likewise as we reach out to our neighbors around the world. Send forth your Spirit today as we call upon you to bless our work and make it holy.

**C: Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.**

**L:** God, we give you thanks for those who have generously shared their resources in order to make these quilts/kits possible. Move us by their example to live generous lives.

**C: Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.**

**L:** Thank you, God, for the hands that have made and assembled these quilts/kits. May each compassionate touch be known to those who receive them as an expression of your love.

**C: Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.**

**L:** God, we lift before you the staff and partners of LWR who will distribute these quilts/kits around the world. Give them strength and encouragement to do this important work and guide them as they reach our neighbors who are the farthest away.

**C: Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.**

**L:** Finally, God, we pray for our neighbors around the world who will receive these quilts/kits – neighbors we have never met, neighbors who are far away, neighbors who, like us, long for your grace and mercy. May these quilts/kits wrap our neighbors in love and fill them with the hope and peace that is only found in you.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

**L:** Empowered by God's unconditional love in Jesus, go and do likewise, continuing to show mercy to neighbors near and far, in the name of the Father, the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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