



Quilts and kits once thought destroyed in the Aug. 4, 2020 Beirut port explosion are distributed to Palestinian and Syrian refugees

Quilt and Kits of Hope Blessing

After the work of collecting, sorting, packing, stitching, and creating, you are invited to bless the work your hands created and pray for those who will receive your tangible signs of hope. This litany can be adapted for use as a part of worship in person or virtually, a small group gathering, or in whatever setting makes sense for your group:

Scripture

Read together the beginning of the early church found in Acts 2:43-47.

Blessing

Whether in person or virtually, invite participants to extend their arms out in front of them as an act of blessing. Display the quilts and kits or have pictures of them shared online.

L: God, our neighbors around the world are in need of hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

C: Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.

L: God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

C: Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.

L: God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

C: Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.

L: God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at LWR. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.

C: Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.

L: God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.

C: Amen.

Sending

L: Recognizing God's abundant hope, go and be a sign of hope to our neighbors near and far: offering hands to hold, sweet scents of justice, and a feast of God's goodness. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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