

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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