



LWR Litany of Thanksgiving and Hope

L Almighty and gracious God,

P You have so richly blessed us, but we pray for more, much more.

L We pray for grateful hearts, for a humble awareness of our abundance amid all the world's poverty and pain.

P Lord, we pray for more.

L We pray for the courage to give generously of our resources — our imaginations, our time and abilities, our material wealth.

P We pray yet for more, Lord.

L We pray for the strength to reject the rationalizations which lead to indifference and silence in this climate of entitlement and insatiable desire.

P Lord, for much more we pray.

L We pray for confident hope, in the presence of such overwhelming needs, to know that each offering of money, Quilts, and Kits makes a welcome difference to others, and to you.

P For still more, Lord, we pray.

L We pray for lifestyles of justice and mercy, living more simply, being advocates for those more needful than we, supporting Fair Trade, being compassionate in our role as citizens.

P Lord, yet again we pray for more.

L We pray for your promised forgiveness for the fears, the selfishness, the thoughtlessness, the suspicions, the self-righteousness which hinder our loving service, and then pray for grateful and greater obedience to mark our thanksgiving.

P Yet for one more thing we pray.

L We pray you would bless those who labor on our behalf through all the work of Lutheran World Relief and its partners, that we would uphold them with our prayers, our encouragement, our gifts, our willingness to learn and to invite the support of others.

P In the name of our Lord who encouraged us to ask boldly when we pray, Amen.

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