



# A Litany for the Day of Hope: A Celebration of Prevention and Recovery

Ecumenical Version<sup>1</sup>  
September 20, 2020

Leader: Almighty and gracious God, we give You thanks for this day, for this gathering, and for this time of hope, which is found in Your love. Open our hearts this day, that we may hear with compassion the cries of all those who suffer, that we may comfort them. Open our minds, that we may see our sisters and brothers with the clear sight of truth, that we may minister to them with kindness and love, beyond the clouds of stigma and prejudice. Open our hands this day, that we may begin the work of healing this so wounded world. Let, us pray.

Leader: For parents and all those caught in the web of addiction that they may find healing and wholeness.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For children abandoned and feeling lost:

- That we may see our responsibility for them,
- That they may ever be surrounded by love,
- That their sadness turn to happiness,
- That seeds of hope be planted and grow in their hearts, and
- That they may find home.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For foster and kinship parents, that they may be blessed with the resources to nurture the children in their care; find strength when weariness approaches; and that they be comforted in the knowledge that You are always with them in both joy and grief.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For adoptive parents as they begin their new journey, that they may have wisdom and insight, be surrounded by family and friends, and find opportunity for rest and renewal; until the time when their children launch forth into the world.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Loving God, may Your blessing be on us and all people that we might not shrink back from the ministry You have given us in this very troubled time, knowing that “those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”<sup>2</sup> In Jesus Name. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup>We hope to provide an Interfaith Service for the 2021 Day of Hope.

<sup>2</sup>Isaiah 40: 31 (NRSV)