

LITANY FOR GIFTS FROM THE HEART

2023 Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday



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L: *Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord*
(1 Timothy 1:2).

C: Amen.

L: *I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.*

C: When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive.

L: *For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners.*

C: Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them (Psalm 69:30, 32–34).

L: *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*

C: But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

L: *Little children, let us not love in word or talk*

C: but in deed and in truth (1 John 3:16–18).

L: *Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,*

C: I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

L: *Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?*

C: And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

L: *And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me' (Mt 25:34–40).*

L: By the grace of God, we bring these Gifts from the Heart out of love for our neighbor, praying the Lord may use them to care for those in need.

C: We thank you, Lord, for this opportunity to serve others out of the love You have shown us in the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, our eternal King.

L: The Lord bless these gifts that they may be a blessing to all who receive them. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray: Gracious Lord, in love You have given Your Son to bring light and life to our fallen world. You generously promise to give us our daily bread even as You feed us with the Bread of Heaven. In thanksgiving for all that You have provided, we offer these Gifts from the Heart and ask You to bless them in service to Your kingdom. May all who receive these gifts know Your divine care and love for them. Strengthen and uphold them in their time of need, and bless them with Your presence. Grant us Your Spirit that we may faithfully share Your love with others as You grant us opportunities to do so. Bring all people into Your kingdom that we may dwell with You, our everlasting King, forever; in Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

L: *Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.*

C: Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! (Psalm 24:7–8).

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