

## **A Circle of Caring – Walk for the Hungry 2012**

### **Litany on the Millennium Development Goals**

#### **Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.**

**Leader:** Let us pray for those who are poor, hungry, and neglected all over the world, that their cries for daily bread may inspire works of compassion and mercy among those to whom much has been given. Loving God in your mercy,

**All:** Hear our prayer.

#### **Achieve universal primary education.**

**Leader:** Let us pray for schools and centers of learning throughout the world, for those who lack access to basic education, and for the light of knowledge to blossom and shine in the lives of all God's people. Loving God in your mercy,

**All:** Hear our prayer.

#### **Promote gender equality and empower women.**

**Leader:** Let us pray for an end to the divisions and inequalities that scar God's creation, particularly the barriers to freedom faced by God's children throughout the world because of gender; that all who have been formed in God's image might have equality in pursuit of the blessings of creation. Loving God in your mercy,

**All:** Hear our prayer.

#### **Reduce child mortality/Improve maternal health.**

**Leader:** Let us pray for the health of women, children and families around the world, especially for an end to maternal and child mortality, that in building healthy families, all God's people may be empowered to strengthen their communities and repair the breaches which divide nations and peoples. Loving God in your mercy,

**All:** Hear our prayer.

#### **Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.**

**Leader:** Let us pray for an end to pandemic disease throughout the world, particularly the scourges of HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis; that plagues of death may no longer fuel poverty, destabilize nations, and inhibit reconciliation and restoration throughout the world. Loving God in your mercy,

**All:** Hear our prayer.

### **Ensure environmental sustainability.**

**Leader:** Let us pray for an end to the waste and desecration of God's creation, for access to the fruits of creation to be shared equally among all people, and for communities and nations to find sustenance in the fruits of the earth and the water God has given us. Loving God in your mercy,

**All:** Hear our prayer.

### **Develop a global partnership for development.**

**Leader:** Let us pray for all nations and people who already enjoy the abundance of creation and the blessings of prosperity, that their hearts may be lifted up to the needs of the poor and afflicted, and partnerships between rich and poor for the reconciliation of the world may flourish and grow. Lord in your mercy,

**All:** Hear our prayer.

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Leader:** Jesus said, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit'.

**All:** We pray for the children, women and men across the world who struggle each day to survive, pitted against economic conditions beyond their control. Give them strength to meet each day and hope for a different future.

**Leader:** Jesus said, 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness'.

**All:** We pray for the leaders and politicians with the power to change things. Help them resist the voices of self-interest and complacency and to make bold choices for the good of all people.

**Leader:** Let us pray...

God of the impossible, we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation. And when the challenges seem too many remind us of your resurrection power and the miracles of your love that happen whenever injustice is dismantled and rebuilt with peace. Help us to hope that the impossible can happen and live as if it might do so today.

**All:** Amen