

## BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

*Leader:* We gather today in the name of our compassionate Savior, to give thanks for women like the Biblical Dorcas who use their willing hands to give comfort and life's necessities to those in need.

*All:* **We thank you, Father, for Dorcas of old and the women who follow in her footsteps, using their talent with needles and thread.**

*Leader:* To you, Merciful Lord, we give thanks for all the faithful women who, alone in their homes or in small groups, cut and sew together the colorful scraps of fabric to form tops of spectacular patterns and hues.

*All:* **Lord, we ask your blessings for these women as they create their labors of love.**

*Leader:* Lord, Source of all Comfort, we express our gratitude for the caring women who gather in members' homes and in church basements and fellowship halls to quilt, tie, and bind the "comforters."

*All:* **We thank you for the quilters and ask you to bind our hearts in love for the people these quilts will comfort in times of stress.**

*Leader:* Father, we now dedicate this rainbow of quilts to the glory of God and ask that you shower blessings upon the people of many colors who will use them for warmth, for shelter, for luggage, for sustaining live.

*All:* **Lord, teach us, also, to use our talents to reach out to the world's downtrodden people as these quilters have learned to do.**

*Leader:* Jesus, we ask that you continue to bless the work of the quilters, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and Lutheran World Relief (or substitute name of other organization to whom quilts are sent).

*All:* **Bless their work, O Lord, and may it draw people to you.**

*Leader:* For to You, O Lord, is the glory forever and ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

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