



2020 FESTIVAL OF SHARING DEDICATION OF FOS KITS

LEADER: We have come together today to offer our gifts of kits to be shared by the Festival of Sharing. These gifts are given to places where disasters have occurred, to people on the move whose daily needs are a question, and to those most impacted by the recent pandemic in need of the most basic tools like hygiene products or cleaning supplies. As we dedicate these gifts, let us join in prayer.

Holy God, may those who have suffered in disasters find comfort in you. May those without a home find refuge in you. May those struggling with disease find healing in you. Help them in their distress to trust in your mercy which never ends.

PEOPLE: **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for those who are afflicted by powers far beyond their control, who are grieving and afraid and who are vulnerable to further loss. May you speed to them relief and strengthen them to face the challenges before them.

PEOPLE: **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We urgently pray this day for families across our nation who have been injured or displaced by natural disasters or the COVID-19 Pandemic. We pray for families around the world seeking to rebuild their lives. We pray for those in areas of conflict and war.

PEOPLE: **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: May you strengthen those who are responding to crises and are engaged in the work of disaster relief, providing food and shelter, clothing or transportation to those in peril.

PEOPLE: **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: May our kits that we offer today contribute to this sacred work, and may those who receive these kits sense your loving kindness and find their hope renewed.

PEOPLE: **God of compassion, renew us in hope and service as we offer our gifts and our lives to you.**

ALL: **Amen.**