

Litany for World AIDS Day

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Leader: God of Wholeness and Healing, you created this world to be a place of shalom:

People: Where individuals and communities find and foster health, well-being, justice and peace.

Leader: In Christ, you have taken on our condition,

People: Entering our suffering, our brokenness, and our loss, to heal and transform.

Leader: As the Body of Christ, we are one with Christians near and far,

People: Weeping with those who weep, rejoicing with those who rejoice.

Leader: On this World AIDS Day, we raise our voices in thanksgiving and intercession

People: For the healing of bodies, relationships, and the social fabric.

Leader: For those with HIV and AIDS,

People: O Healer, bring comfort and strength.

Leader: For spouses and partners, children, parents, and others who bear this burden with them,

People: O Healer, bring comfort and strength.

Leader: For those orphaned or grieving,

People: O Healer, bring comfort and strength.

Leader: For entire communities and nations reeling from the HIV pandemic,

People: O Healer, lead the way to new life.

Leader: For grandmothers, uncles, neighbors, and other givers of care,

People: We give you thanks. Refresh and uphold them, God!

Leader: For churches and clinics, schools and other institutions providing education or care,

**People: We pray for the compassion and all the fruits of your Spirit needed
for them to be communities of acceptance and love.**

Leader: For those seeking new drugs and treatments,

People: We pray for insight, imagination and persistence.

Leader: For advocates and activists,

People: We ask for courage and creativity to challenge the powers and motivate the masses.

Leader: For those who make policy decisions that affect those living with HIV or at risk for infection,

People: We ask for wisdom, compassion and a sense of your justice.

All: In this world, God, that belongs to you and that is destined for wholeness, we pray with confident hope for a world committed to health, for the day of no more HIV infections, and for shalom for all!