

Dedication of a hunger cloth

This prayer of dedication of the hunger cloth can take place within a larger liturgy, or among a group gathering. Hunger cloths depict a set of stories, usually taken from the gospels.

Leader (holds cloth up together with others)

This cloth belongs to all and to no one
It is the work of human hands
Sewn together in prayer

As we dedicate it today
We remember the hopes and dreams
Of all who have worked on it
And we pray for all those
Whose lives may be touched by it

All

The paths we have been walking separately
Have brought us here together today
To this moment
When, though many, we are one

Leader

We bless this cloth and dedicate it to God's glory
In the name of the Father who cares for us
In the name of the Son who inspires us
In the name of the Spirit who walks with us

All

May it be a symbol
Both of our unity and our diversity
A reminder that to do God's work there are many ways
That in God's house there are many rooms
And a sign
Of welcome at God's banquet
Where a table is set for all peoples to share

Amen

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