

## Dedication of Gift of the Heart Kits

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We have come together today to offer our gifts of Kits to be distributed by Church World Service to places where disasters have occurred, people are on the move, and where basic resources have grown scarce. As we dedicate these gifts, let us join in prayer.

God of earthquake, wind, flood and fire, may those who have suffered in disasters find refuge in you. Help them in their distress to trust in your mercy which never ends.

### **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

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.

### **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

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

### **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

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.

### **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

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.

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

**All: Amen.**

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at the Presbytery of Chicago Assembly, June 21, 2011

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