## LITANY FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE SUNDAY

May 11, 2008

ONE: In love, God calls us to health and wholeness in our own lives.

ALL: For all who care for us emotionally, physically and spiritually;
For all who hold us, encourage us and challenge us, who stir us
emotionally to make healthy responses to the ebb and flow of living;
For all who provide guidance and support for our sexual and mental
health,

We give you thanks.

ONE: In love, God calls us to mission among those in need.

ALL: For all who offer food or shelter or a listening heart;
For all who gently hold a troubled hand or sit silently in simple accompaniment;

For all who offer therapy or surgery, who bring intervention or enable rehabilitation with a full measure of hope, We give you thanks.

ONE: In love, God calls us to care for the least among the children of God.

ALL: For all who honor and care for those who are aging, who rock babies and children in need of comfort in an unkind and terrifying world; For all who offer care in community clinics and at health fairs, who diligently work to end epidemics, who value the disabled among us;

For all who see each person's worth and actively oppose discrimination,
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ONE: In love, God calls us to open our hearts to the meaning of discipleship.

ALL: Grant that we may have the wisdom and will, O God, to embrace the healing and service ministry of Jesus Christ and make it truly our own. Inspire us, Holy One, to trust that your healing love will use our humble efforts to bring health and wholeness to us and to the whole human family.

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