Lap Quilts of Love and Mercy Prayer Service God is with us!

Gathering (Instrumental)

INTRODUCTORY RITES (Please stand)

Sign of the Cross

Greeting: Leader: Sisters and Brothers, in the League

Quilts are unique expressions of God's love. Some are crafted for those we hold dear,

But most are for strangers. We're all the same to the Lord.

We are gathered as members of the Catholic Women's League of Canada who have participated in a unique project of togetherness as we approach the **100th anniversary of the Catholic Women's League of Canada**.

Our mission statement: "The Catholic Women's League of Canada

is a national organization, rooted in gospel values, calling our members to holiness through service to the people of God".

The production of lap quilts for the elderly, infirm and those in palliative care is just another manifestation of how our members live out their motto "For God and Canada".

Almost 100 years ago, our foremothers gathered us together from the East coast to West coast, from the Northern coast to our border with the United Sates of America with this inclination. Now, in 2017, it is our joy to give service to the people of God because we have been "Inspired by the spirit and we respond to God's Call".

Opening Song: Sacred Silence BB# 541 or Take My Hands, CBW II # 681

During the song, the quilts are brought forward.

Leader:

May these quilts remind us that we are clothed with divinity.

As we wrap them around the recipients, may we trust in the God's compassionate embrace.

May the beauty of these quilts sing of our soul and the hidden beauty within us.

May these quilts bring comfort and lead us to seek ever greater freedom as a child of God.

All:

Lord, you have clothed us with the radiant splendor of divinity,

Your Spirit has empowered us to live the gifts we have been given.

We are the beloved of Your own heart.

You have embraced us with unconditional love.

God of life, you believe in and enrich all people.

Grant patience to those who are suffering, especially when they do not see the blessing.

May Your love, made real by these handmade quilts, warm their hearts.

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Leader: Blessing of Quilts:

Grant us, O merciful God,
That this our offering may find
Acceptance with you
And that through it,
The wellspring of all blessing
May be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord

All: Amen

Leader:

May the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader:

May almighty God bless us, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Concluding Song:

Your Grace is Enough BB# 603 or Whatsoever You Do CBW II # 717

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