



Litany
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God is Our Refuge and Provider

Reader 1: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

Reader 2: Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. (Psalm 62:8)

ALL: Lord, we trust you to provide! We pour out our hearts to you for the vulnerable—for the hungry and the impoverished, the displaced and the oppressed.

Reader 1: All things are possible with God! (Matthew 19:26)

Reader 2: *Jehovah Jireh, great provider, in the desert you gave your hungry children manna—"bread from heaven." (John 6:31)*

Reader 1: Lord, be merciful! Work through your children to provide food assistance and bountiful harvests for people hungry because of famine, war, and natural disasters.

ALL: Holy Spirit, inspire us to work together to share with those in need of food! (1 Timothy 6:18)

Reader 2: *Generous God, you commanded your children, Israel, to "be openhanded toward others and toward the poor and the needy." (Deuteronomy 15:11)*

Reader 1: Welcoming God, we look to your example of providing for all people. You supplied your servant Ruth—powerless! widowed! a foreigner!—with food and a home among your people, Israel, as well as a place in the lineage of your Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Reader 2: *Lord, be merciful! Equip us to provide food for our brothers and sisters in need, so more families can have better health and greater hope for the future.*

ALL: Holy Spirit, embolden our hospitality and generosity to our neighbors, near and far! (Hebrews 13:2)

Reader 1: Jesus, “the true bread from heaven,” you had compassion on the hungry multitudes and refused to send them away without nourishment, multiplying loaves and fish to meet their need. (John 6:32; Mark 6:30-44).

Reader 2: *Lord, be merciful! Wherever people are hungry due to crises, multiply our efforts and resources so all may be fed—and not just survive, but thrive.*

ALL: Holy Spirit, demolish our complacency, kindle our compassion, and make us openhanded, eager to partner together to share the resources you have given us!

Reader 1: Victorious God, together we look forward to the day when hunger will no longer disrupt people’s lives!

Reader 2: *I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Rev. 21:3-4)*

ALL: God, you are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble! (Psalm 46:1)