World AIDS Day 2018
Worship resources

Introduction
Since 1988, December 1 has been designated as World AIDS Day by the United Nations. It is a day to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS, as well as to remember those who have died as a result of the disease.

These resources have been compiled to guide you in prayer during the week leading up to World AIDS Day. They can be used during an individual’s prayer time or collectively in a worship setting, allowing time to call out prayers during the time of intercession.

Pray for all who have been impacted by HIV and AIDS.

Give to MCC’s health programs.

Advocate for funding for global health programs.

Test strips used for HIV diagnosis at the Faith Alive clinic and hospital in Jos, Nigeria. MCC supports the Faith Alive Foundation.

Dr. Chris Isichei, director and founder of Faith Alive and a physician at Faith Alive’s clinic and hospital in Jos, Nigeria, stands in front of the transitional house for HIV-positive, homeless patients.
Monday, November 26

Opening
Leader: Show us your mercy, Lord,
All: and let your love remain with us.

Reading
“Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved; for you are my praise.” (Jeremiah 17:14)

Intercession
Pray for all who have HIV and AIDS, as well as people with tuberculosis, malaria and other diseases.

Response
Heavenly Creator, maker of all things good, listen to our prayers for our brothers and sisters who have HIV and AIDS, as well as those with other diseases. We pray for those who do not have access to the treatment they need and deserve. Show compassion by granting them healing. Amen.

Closing
Leader: Bless the works of our hands.
All: Heal us and fill us with your blessed assurance.

Tuesday, November 27

Opening
Leader: Show us your mercy, Lord,
All: and let your love remain with us.

Reading
“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:14)

Intercessions
Pray for the families, friends and communities of those who have HIV and AIDS.

Response
Heavenly Creator, maker of all things good, listen to our prayers for the family members, friends and communities surrounding people with HIV and AIDS. Grant them grace and strength. Amen.

Closing
Leader: Bless the works of our hands.
All: Heal us and fill us with your blessed assurance.

MCC partner Caritas Jordan raises awareness about HIV and AIDS by providing lectures conducted by doctors for Jordanians and refugees. Participants in the lectures receive MCC hygiene kits. Pictured is Vijaya Kumari (left), from Sri Lanka, with Caritas volunteers Ranad Fakhury (center) and Ghadeer Haddadin.
Wednesday, November 28

Opening
Leader: Show us your mercy, Lord,
All: and let your love remain with us.

Reading
“Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” (Isaiah 41: 10)

Intercession
Pray for MCC-supported health clinics, as well as all medical staff—doctors, nurses and others—who provide care for people with HIV and AIDS.

Response
Heavenly Creator, maker of all things good, listen to our prayers for MCC healthcare partners including those who provide medical care for people with HIV and AIDS. May they have the support, medications, and resources they need to be agents of your healing. Amen.

Closing
Leader: Bless the works of our hands.
All: Heal us and fill us with your blessed assurance.

Thursday, November 29

Opening
Leader: Show us your mercy, Lord,
All: and let your love remain with us.

Reading
“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.” (1 Timothy 2:1–2)

Intercession
Pray for U.S. policymakers who determine funding levels for programs to fight HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

Response
Heavenly Creator, maker of all things good, listen to our prayers for all those in positions of authority within our government. May they be generous and open-hearted. Amen.

Closing
Leader: Bless the works of our hands.
All: Heal us and fill us with your blessed assurance.

Nure Alam, 19, at his home in Dhobaura Upazila, Mymensingh District, Bangladesh. Alam received support from MCC for his education and now helps to lead health training sessions that include awareness about HIV and AIDS.
Friday, November 30

Opening
Leader: Show us your mercy, Lord,
All: and let your love remain with us.

Reading
“For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, says the Lord, because they have called you an outcast: ‘It is Zion; no one cares for her!’” (Jeremiah 30:17)

Intercession
Pray for the international community—United Nations agencies and other bodies that respond to global health crises.

Response
Heavenly Creator, maker of all things good, listen to our prayers for the global community, that they may faithfully administer resources for the common good of the human family. Amen.

Closing
Leader: Bless the works of our hands.
All: Heal us and fill us with your blessed assurance.

Saturday, December 1

Opening
Leader: Show us your mercy, Lord,
All: and let your love remain with us.

Reading
“O Lord, by these things people live, and in all these is the life of my spirit. Oh, restore me to health and make me live!” (Isaiah 38:16)

Intercession
Pray for all who are impacted in any way by HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other diseases—people who are ill, their families and friends, medical providers, policymakers and international agencies.

Response
Heavenly Creator, maker of all things good, listen to our prayers for all who are impacted by HIV and AIDS and other diseases. Grant them strength, resilience, dignity and respect. Amen.

Closing
Leader: Bless the works of our hands.
All: Heal us and fill us with your blessed assurance.

In Ha Senekane, Berea Plateau, Lesotho, MCC supports Dr. Titi Mohapi Daycare Centre through partner Paballong Trust. Mophethe Sekamane, chairperson of Paballong Trust, describes the services that Paballong provides for community members who are impacted by HIV and AIDS.