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Almighty and ever loving God:

We come to you with thanksgiving and praise. You have blessed each of us in so many ways and we thank you for your continued strength and guidance in our lives. Today we especially uplift our shared ministry with Lutheran Services in Iowa. We pray that you would continue to sustain this ministry as we respond to the many human needs in our community and throughout Iowa. Lord, open our eyes to the suffering around us ...**hear our prayer.**

Help each of us to be mindful of those in our own communities who struggle each day to be loved and nurtured, those who suffer from mental and physical disabilities, and those who long for a loving and safe home, and those who are abused, neglected and forgotten in our communities. Lord, we pray for the forgotten...**hear our prayer.**

We know you have called each of us to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Open our eyes so that we may see those around us who need our love and care. Encourage our hearts so that we would be moved into action, using our hands and feet to serve others. Give us the strength, desire and ability to be the voice for those who are forgotten and despised in our world, and challenge each of us to show our love for Christ through our words and deeds. Lord, call us into service...**hear our prayer.**

We pray that we would be a church that reaches out to the least of these through our financial support, volunteerism and advocacy. We have heard from your word that the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Help each of us to respond to this calling as we strive to share the love of Christ through acts of service to all. Thank you for the partnership between our congregation and LSI. Help us to work together to bring hope, health and healing to the most vulnerable populations in our state. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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