

## PRAYER FOR EPISCOPAL MINISTRIES OF LONG ISLAND

Good and gracious God,  
We praise you for the gift of your Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ,  
Who was born into the fullness of human experience.  
Jesus knew hunger and thirst, homelessness and poverty,  
Pain and grief, suffering and betrayal.  
Jesus taught us: "Love one another as I have loved you",  
While showing us what that love looks like  
In powerful acts of mercy and justice.

Pour your blessing, O God, upon the work of  
EPISCOPAL MINISTRIES OF LONG ISLAND,  
As we seek and serve Christ in all people.  
Bless those who give of themselves for the sake of others.  
Bless all whom we meet; may we may serve with humility,  
Respecting the dignity and freedom of every person.

Bless those who generously support us in our mission  
To feed, to heal, to empower and to foster hope.  
Stir up in us deep gratitude for all our blessings,  
And strengthen us to give more, pray more and love more.

Guide us in hearing and responding as you call us  
To new avenues of compassion,  
New works of justice, new partnerships.  
By your grace, grant that all we do  
Fulfills your purpose and honors your glory.  
With grateful hearts, we pray in Jesus' name.  
AMEN.

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