

November 1, 2016

Dear Friends, Participants and Leaders of the United Thank Offering,

Warmest of greetings from the Board and the staff of the United Thank Offering, we hope that this letter finds you well.

As you may know, every three years, the United Thank Offering gathers original prayers from around the Episcopal Church to create a pocket book of prayers available at General Convention. Last Convention we were able to collect 125 prayers of gratitude in honor of 125 years of the United Thank Offering. This year we are hoping to collect original prayers from nine categories: gratitude, guidance, fear/danger, forgiveness, healing, loneliness, crisis/dealing with disappointment or crisis, love of God or other. Children, women, men, clergy, seminarians or groups may write prayers for this edition of the booklet. We welcome prayers from every diocese and province of the Episcopal Church and prayers can be submitted in any language. Prayers can be submitted in any format: collect, litany, free form or prose. We encourage you to listen to the Holy Spirit and write a prayer to be used through out the church by individuals, to begin or close meetings, or in a variety of settings.

Please submit all prayers by July 1, 2017. All prayers must be submitting using this webpage: https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/uto_book_of_prayers. You'll be asked to select which category your prayer fits into best for the pocket prayer book. Please provide your name, parish, diocese, province and, if applicable, your position within UTO. You'll also be asked to provide a title for your prayer. You may submit multiple prayers, however, you will need to fill out a separate form for each prayer. If you need assistance with the submission process, please contact our staff at hmelton@episcopalchurch.org.

Thank you, in advance, for participating in the 2018 United Thank Offering pocket prayer book and for inviting others to participate as well. The past editions of these small prayer books have become treasured items and a wonderful way to continue to infuse our lives, work and gatherings with prayers when words escape us.

With gratitude,



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