

## **PRAYER OF BLESSING**

Loving God, source of every good gift, we thank you for the generosity shared through these Best Gifts. May they bring food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, learning to children and comfort to those who long for peace. As Scripture reminds us, "When we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God." (2 Corinthians 9:11) Bless both givers and receivers, that all may know your love and give thanks. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Friends, today we join with congregations across the country in sharing CWS Best Gifts. These gifts are more than food, water or blankets. They are love made visible—signs that no one is forgotten and everyone is deeply loved. Let us bring our Best Gifts forward with joy.

## **BLESSING FOR ADVENT OR CHRISTMAS**

God of hope, we give thanks for the gifts shared this holy season. As we prepare our hearts in Advent and celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas, bless these Best Gifts that carry love into the world. May they bring nourishment to the hungry, safety to the vulnerable and joy to children. And as Scripture reminds us, "When we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God." (2 Corinthians 9:11) Let every gift given and every gift received be a sign of your light shining in the darkness. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.