



Leader's Guide - Short Version
4-6 Minutes

Introduction

Today is World AIDS Day, where we mourn with those who suffer from the dreaded disease of HIV/AIDS. People in our own community are dying. In Africa, a child becomes orphaned every 14 seconds due to the AIDS pandemic. As the church, we comfort those who weep. We bring hope to the hopeless. Our church supports ZOE Ministry in the fight for the children of those who die from HIV/AIDS on the continent of Africa. We support children through ZOE's Giving Hope program – who, thanks to the faithful of the church, have both hope and a future.

ZOE Video – Show the Story of Purity if time allows.**

Litany of Prayer and Celebration (Bulletin insert available for download in ZOE Advent Resources)

Leader: God, our Father, you chose to enter into a world that is dark and full of sin. Your Son wept, suffered, and died to redeem us from our sins. We pray that those who continue to weep and suffer in our world find comfort and peace in you.

People: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray especially for those who are suffering from HIV/AIDS. We pray for the mother who is dying and sees no hope for her children. We pray for the children who are orphaned by this dreaded disease. For those who are in need of hope,

People: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We give you thanks for those who reach out a hand to the least and the lost of our world. As you ate with sinners and touched the lepers, we give thanks for the church that is reaching out to those who are in desperate need of your loving touch.

People: **We give you thanks for those surrounded by the love and care of Christ and the hope they have because of you.**

Leader: God, your presence in this world ushered in the beginnings of a new kingdom. Help us be a part of that mission. Help us enact the prayer that you taught us to pray, saying:

All: **“Our Father, who art in heaven....” Amen.**

** The 4-minute “Story of Purity” video details the transformation of a family in the ZOE Giving Hope Empowerment Project. You may order it from ZOE by visiting www.zoeministry.org and selecting the “Litany for World AIDS Day” link. If time does not allow, simply give the introduction and move into Litany.