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**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,

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**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.**

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**In many African countries,** orphaned children are raising their brothers and sisters due to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. In response, ZOE Ministry is sharing the Love of Christ and giving hope to vulnerable children in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya, and Rwanda through programs of empowerment and relief.

**Hope for Christmas Animal Project** - Animals can be the first step toward transforming the lives of vulnerable orphans. Animals provide manure for fields, nourishment, and income as they reproduce. Donate \$30 for an animal and transform a child’s life this Christmas.

**Many ways to give** - If giving by check, please make checks payable to ZOE Ministry and note ZOE Christmas Animals on the memo line. Place in the offering plate or mail your gift to: NC Conference/Raleigh Area, PO Box 60053, Charlotte NC 28260-0053. You may also give online at [www.zoeministry.org](http://www.zoeministry.org). Select Donate from the top menu. Also available online are printable cards with which to notify friends and loved ones about your gift in their honor.



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