WORLD AIDS DAY: PRAYING FOR THE CHILDREN OF ANGELS’ HAVEN

Angels’ Haven, which opened in October 2010 in Chiang Mai, Thailand, provides a safe environment, personal care and a faith home for 12 orphaned girls living with HIV/AIDS in Thailand. It is among the first social ministries of the church in Thailand, where United Methodist mission work is a fairly recent addition to the Southeast Asia Mission Initiative. Gary and Cindy Moon, Global Ministries missionaries, lead the Angels’ Haven Orphanage there. Worlds AIDS Day is an everyday way of living for Gary, Cindy and the children they have claimed as part of their family through the orphanage. As you pray with these children, the Moon family asks that you include these specific prayer concerns with your own prayers:

- For spiritual and physical strength for the 12 girls who live in Angels’ Haven.
- For a positive academic performance for these and other HIV/AIDS children who struggle with the impact that the required medications have on their ability to focus and study.
- For Samlee, who lost her vision in her left eye when she was 5 years old and now needs an artificial eye, and for the necessary financial support.
- For God to move the hearts of those who have a passion for children to provide prayer and financial support for Angels’ Haven.

You are invited to join together in prayer for these children and all children living with HIV/AIDS around the world:

_Loving God,_

_We gather with people around the world to pray with those persons living with HIV/AIDS. Our hearts break for those struggling with receiving affordable medications and living situations. We rejoice with those who have family, friends and healthcare support in their lives. Help us, God, to follow the example of your son Jesus, as we work together to be in ministry with persons impacted by HIV/AIDS in our community and throughout the world._

_This day we especially pray for children around the world impacted by HIV/AIDS:_

_For children who grieve the loss of parents and siblings because of rejection or death, Lord, we pray._

_For children living with HIV/AIDS who do not have a support system to allow them to find comfort, health, security and love, Creator, we pray._

_For those who provide love and safety to children orphaned by HIV/AIDS, Redeemer, we pray._

_For the ministry of Angels’ Haven, Great Healer, we pray._

_All of this we pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen._
There are several ways you could use this prayer and also provide support to Angels' Haven in your community:

- Use the prayer as a part of your “Prayer for the Day” in worship on November 30.
- Print the prayer in your bulletin and invite members of your congregation to use it as part of their prayers on Dec. 1 in recognition of World AIDS Day.
- Use the prayer as the opening prayer for church meetings on Dec. 1 and throughout the week.
- Do you have a church Facebook page or Twitter account? Consider having a social media prayer time. Invite your congregation to join you in prayer at a specific time on Dec. 1. Post/Tweet the prayer at that time and ask your congregation to pray it together. Those using Facebook could invite members of the congregation to add their own prayer sentences as comments to the posted prayer. Those who use Twitter could pray the prayer, then retweet it to their followers.
- Adapt this text to be a script for a simple video recorded on your phone that you post to your church media and website. Invite people to join you in prayer as you end the video with the prayer.
- Support the ministry of Angels' Haven Orphanage by taking a special offering to donate to the Angels' Haven Orphanage, Advance #3021209.

Consider singing your prayers:

- Any “Kyrie” would be an effective call to the prayer. Consider the two versions found in Global Praise 3, #34 (Estonia) & #35 (Ghana.) Additional options include #2127 and #2275 in The Faith We Sing or #483 and #484 in The United Methodist Hymnal.
- The song “Pelas dores deste mundo / For the Troubles and the Suffering,” found in the songbooks For Everyone Born and Global Praise 3, could be sung as a congregational hymn or as an anthem by the choir.
- Consider the song “Ne pleure plus / Weep no more” (Côte d'Ivoire) found in Global Praise 3 for use as a congregational hymn or choral response to the prayer.
- Global Praise 3 and For Everyone Born are available through www.shop.umc.org. Simply type in the title in the search bar.

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