

June HIV Testing Day Liturgical Resource

Responsive Reading/Prayer

Leader: Spirit of the living God, you breathe on all that is fragile and strong, competent and inadequate, broken and whole. As we approach National HIV Testing Day we give you thanks for the gift of life and the lifegiving power of your Spirit, which renews and refreshes us with hope.

Response: May we know your call to employ the resources you have given to respond to HIV and AIDS. May we know your call to employ courage to know our status, and to help ourselves and others to get linked to care.

Leader: We pray for those living with or affected by HIV, and we give thanks for the gift of transparency you give us. Knowing that we can be fully known by you and to ourselves, makes us confident that we can know our status and share our stories so that we might encourage our families and friends to know their status too. We thank you for the stories that raise awareness, invite solidarity and challenge us to join with one another in the interest of putting an end to AIDS as a public threat by 2030.

Response: May we know your call to employ the wisdom and discernment you have given to respond to HIV and AIDS. May we know your call to employ courage to know our status, and to help ourselves and others to get linked to care.

Leader: We pray for your church. Be with us and guide us as we respond to the seen and unseen needs of persons living with or affected by HIV in our homes, in our church family and in our community.

Response: May we know your call to employ the love you give us to respond to HIV and AIDS. May we know your call to employ courage to know our status, and to help ourselves and others to get linked to care.

Leader: We pray for our public officials. Be with them and guide them in their response to HIV and AIDS. Give them courage, wisdom and resources that they may create effective and just public policies so that everyone may receive the information they need to stop the spread of HIV, and everyone may access the treatment and care required for their health and wholeness.

May we know your call to employ the hope you have given to respond to HIV and AIDS. May we know your call to employ courage to know our status, and to help ourselves and others to get linked to care.

Leader: As we prepare to participate in the upcoming National HIV Testing Day, we give you thanks, O God, that you have given us gifts of courage, discernment, transparency, wisdom, love and hope. We commit today to embody those gifts to fight against stigma and discrimination, and to promote HIV testing. Help us to raise up among us such leaders within our church family who will lead effective education and prevention programs, advocate for strong and just public policy, and raise funds and other resources to stop AIDS.

All: May we know the lifegiving power of your Spirit, which renews and refreshes us with hope to respond to HIV and AIDS. We do have the courage to know our status. We will help ourselves and others to get linked to care.

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