

# Litany

## *Dedication for Members of John Wesley Society*



*[Invite members of the John Wesley Society to come forward and stand before the congregation.]*

Gracious, giving God, You have blessed us with every gift, and especially with the gift of Jesus, who came that we all might have abundant and eternal life.

We give You our hearts and our lives! We seek to follow You through Jesus Christ and to extend his mission by the way that we live.

We give You our passion, our concerns, and our resources – the first and the best of what You have entrusted to us. We also seek to use the rest of what You have given according to Your priorities for all Your creation.

We dedicate ourselves to You, O God, that we may embody Your love for future generations as well as our own.

Thank You, God, for these members of the John Wesley Society, whom we recognize before you now, as those who have generously remembered this congregation or another United Methodist ministry by naming them in their wills, trusts or other endowed gifts:

*[List their names and present them to the congregation]*

Wesley preached the Gospel and put his faith into action. He reached out to those in need, leaving a legacy to transform the lives of people in generations to come. In the same way, *these persons* have committed themselves to Your work through the gift of their resources for ministries beyond this lifetime.

We pray for *these persons* before us now, who serve in Your name on behalf of those who will come after us, as a gift forever to Your work through the Church.

May *their* gifts plant and nurture Your Gospel in future generations. May they continue to be a model of stewardship that others may follow in faith. This we pray through Your grace shown us in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*[Other members of the John Wesley Society are invited forward to greet them, along with the pastor and Lay Leader of the church. They receive their John Wesley Society pins and certificates.]*