

**Closing Prayer: (Leader)**

Compassionate God, in the power of your creative Spirit, we have come together to light a candle of hope within the hearts of all people faced with HIV/AIDS and difficult decisions. Lead us to see how we can be instruments of hope in some way relieving the stress of those suffering with disease, poverty and limited health care possibilities. Bring your healing and restoration to their bodies, minds and spirits. We ask this through Christ and through your Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**Closing Song: We Live In Hope**  
A Hymn for World AIDS Day

*Tune: Finlandia*

We live in hope, for God is always present,  
despite the hurt and pain we've suffered long.  
We live in faith that God will not abandon the  
precious child to whom we all belong.  
We live in love, with grace and peace enduring.  
As God renews, our spirits are made strong.  
Do not lose heart, for God so loved the world,  
that life and hope are touched with healing grace.  
God reconciles, restores, redeems the broken  
and reunites our hearts in love's embrace.  
O God of Hope, our prayer we lift to you.  
O spread your love on all within our world.

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IHM Prayer 2025

**WE LIVE IN HOPE**

Sunday, Nov. 30 at 3:30 p.m.  
IHM Motherhouse Chapel



## **We Live in Hope**

*For and with all who suffer from HIV/AIDS*

### **Introduction: Sue Rakoczy IHM**

Lighting of Christ Candle with red ribbon

Song: Christ Has No Body but Yours # 760 v.1-4

### **Opening Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray. God of Promise, God of Compassion, today we are mindful of our sisters and brothers suffering with HIV/AIDS. We ask your healing presence on millions of people living with the disease today throughout the world. Open our eyes to your truth echoing in their hearts. Inspire us to speak out for a just distribution of health care and medical aid in this country and for generosity in sharing our resources with the poor of the world.

All: As we begin our Advent Celebration of waiting in hope for the birth of your Son, let us remember those across the world who wait in hope for a cure. We ask this in Christ, through your Holy Spirit. Amen

Reading: I Corinthians 12: 24b – 27

Reflection: Gail Addis IHM

Personal Reflection: Has AIDS touched you personally? Bring this memory to Christ.

Imagine the globe with its billions of sisters and brothers, all living together on one small planet in an immense solar system. Select one country, and one person who is infected with HIV/AIDS who is forgotten. What is she or he facing? Speak in your heart to that person and pray for her or him as a sister in Christ.

## **Communal Response: (Left–Mary’s Side, Right–Joseph’s Side)**

All: What will it take, O God

Left: To see the day of no more AIDS related deaths, no more poor, unable to access medications, no more discrimination in our world?

All: What will it take, O God

Right: for change to come in our communities, our lives, all countries, for needed resources and medications?

All: What will it take, O God

Left: for us your Church, to be free of fear to act to solve complex situations especially for the marginalized?

All: What will it take, O God

Right: for hope to enter the hearts of those affected by HIV/AIDS, for action to happen by those not affected?

All: What will it take, O God.

Left: for us to bring hope to our world?

All: What will it take, O God

Right: for us, to recognize Your Word made flesh and living among us with HIV – AIDS?

All: What will it take, O God?

Give us wisdom of mind and generosity of heart to seek your will. Inspire us to respond to the call to live in solidarity with the marginalized and poor of our world.