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Prayers and More **World AIDS Day Litany**

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This Litany of Remembrance for World AIDS Day works well with congregational candlelighting.

We gather to honor and remember. We look to history for a legacy of hope. We do not enter into this work alone. Many have come before us. We rely on them to guide our spirits and actions, our words and tasks, as we live in the tension of hope and heartache.

We remember Ryan Wayne White, born in 1971 and who entered eternal life in 1990, an American teenager from Kokomo, Indiana who was expelled from school because of his infection with HIV from a contaminated blood treatment and who was denied attendance at school. With inspired hearts, we seek to be...

People who learn from legacy, who inherit strength and bestow it upon others, and live lives of persevering hope.

We remember Larry Kramer, born in 1935, an American writer and AIDS activist, who co-founded the world's first AIDS service organization, Gay Men's Health Crisis, in New York in 1982 who five years later started ACT UP, American's most famous AIDS protest group. With inspired hearts, we seek to be...

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We remember Zackie Achmat, born in 1962, a South African activist, most widely known as founder and chairperson of the Treatment Action Campaign and for his work on behalf of people living with HIV and AIDS in South Africa. With inspired hearts, we seek to be...

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We remember Chung To, a Chinese AIDS activist, co-founder of the ChiHeng or the Wisdom in Action Foundation. With inspired hearts, we seek to be...

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We remember Stephen Donaldson, born in 1946 and who entered eternal life in 1996, an American political activist who was best known for his pioneering work in gay liberation and prison reform. With inspired hearts, we seek to be...

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We remember Kate Roberts, from Southport in the United Kingdom, who created Romania's first HIV/AIDS prevention marketing campaign, who founded YouthAIDS in 2001. With inspired hearts, we seek to be...

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The stigma around HIV/AIDS continues today. Many are diagnosed and rejected by family and friends. We give thanks for the work of Our House Too. Since it's inception in 2004, Our House Too, in Tulsa, Oklahoma has worked to create an atmosphere in which HIV+ people and their caregivers can enjoy activities such as movies and card games and celebrate birthdays and holidays together. All people need a home. We remember and honor those who create it for others. With inspired hearts, we seek to be...

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We remember men, women and children everywhere who are victims of discrimination because of AIDS; those who have fought for justice, equality, and dignity; and all who have gone before us into the everlasting embrace of God. We honor courageous women and men who continue to fight the good fight against AIDS; speak now, name them, proclaim with voice and spirit, others who may not be among us. Their voices have moved us forward.

[[Naming of names]] With inspired hearts, we seek to be...

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others, and live lives of persevering hope. Amen.

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