

Litany for Endowment Donors

L: Gracious God, you are to be praised for your children whose faithful witness to your love inspires each generation of your people. This morning as we come together to worship you we remember especially the faithful witness of *Name*.

R: Mindful of all those who have gone on ahead of us, teach us to follow their example: to feed the poor; to support and comfort those who mourn; to cherish and learn from the merciful; to be humbled by, and stand with, the peacemakers. (*Any of these could be changed to reflect a ministry the donor was particularly passionate about.*)

L: Let us clearly recognize what it means to be called the children of God, to be family to one another just as *Name* was family to each of us.

R: May we know we are to be your saints, neither by our own choosing nor in our own strength, but simply by the call of Christ Jesus our Savior.

L: Loving God, the generations rise and pass away before you.

R: You are the strength of those who labor; You are the eternal rest of *Name* who lives with You now. We rejoice in the company of your saints and in the witness that *Name* provided to each of us when *he/she/they* walked among us.

L: We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in you. We recognize that *Name* gave us gifts in life through their faith, their love, and their presence with us and now, *he/she/they*, leaves a gift in death to help us continue to do your work in this world.

All: We bless you for *his/her/their* life and love, and rejoice that for *him/her/them*, "all is well, and all manner of things will be well." As we celebrate and lift up, *Name*, one of the saints of our congregation, we pray that we would be a tribute to *his/her/their* legacy of love, faithfulness, and stewardship. Amen.