

## Celebration of the Province III Opioid Task Force

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one Body and one Spirit; **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; **One God and Father of all.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. *(Silence)* Blessed God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, through which you have called us to your service. As we share in the death and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ, so we are called to proclaim your love and offer healing, hope, and renewal in your name. May your grace so fill us that we may shine with your radiance, drawing all to the brightness of your joy and mercy; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. **Amen.**

*Reader* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. *(2 Cor 1:3-5)*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches. **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

*Presenter* I present the Province III Opioid Task Force in thanksgiving for their remarkable service to Jesus Christ through this province in response to the pandemic of opioid use. Their work, which has spread far across the Episcopal Church and beyond, has been a powerful witness of hope within families and communities devastated by addiction. Their efforts continue to bear the good fruits of healing and wholeness. **Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. *(Silence)* O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost our health and freedom. Restore to us the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from us the fears that beset us; strengthen us in the work of our recovery; and to those who care for us, give patient understanding and persevering love. **Amen.**

We rejoice, O God, for this task force which you called to your service. Renew in them the power of your grace. Grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that they may minister in their chosen tasks with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**