

Bread for the World's 2019 Offering of Letters to Congress

# Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow

## Commit Your Efforts to God A Prayer and Litany for Your Offering of Letters

### Prayer Over Letters

Gracious God, you have called us, through your prophets and your Son, Jesus Christ, to live out your vision of a world without hunger. Trusting in your love and mercy, we lift our voices and pray alongside all those who suffer from malnutrition and its devastating impacts.

We share your deep love and concern for all who experience hunger and poverty, and we desire that all may prosper and be in good health.

Bless these letters that our words may touch the hearts and minds of members of Congress and embolden our elected officials to increase our nation's commitment and investment in global nutrition programs.

With gratitude for our nation's leadership and the world's progress in ending hunger, we present these letters in the name of Jesus Christ, the source of all our hope.



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HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

### Litany or Responsive Prayer

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, you became human to inspire us to walk in your light. Lead us on the path to your justice and righteousness, as we advocate for better nutrition for a better tomorrow.

**People:** *Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.*

**Leader:** Christ Jesus, you remained divine to save the world from sin and liberate the oppressed. Forgive us for the unjust policies that prevent all people from living into your calling on their lives.

**People:** *Christ, in your mercy, receive our prayer.*

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, you are the Bread of Life. Empower us, by your grace, to be bread for the world as we participate in the urgency of your mission to end hunger and malnutrition.

**People:** *Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.*

**Leader:** Christ Jesus, you call us beyond ourselves to love others as our neighbor. Unite people of faith, people of good will, and all elected officials as one body committed to the common cause of global nutrition so that all your beloved children have the chance to not only survive, but also thrive.

**People:** *Christ, in your mercy, receive our prayer.*

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, you sustain our advocacy with the power of the Holy Spirit. Inspire and equip Congress through our Offering of Letters with the political will to increase our nation's commitment and funding for global nutrition.

**People:** *Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.*

*The prayer and litany were written by Bread for the World staff.  
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