A Liturgy–the Hands of Jesus

**Leader:** When Jesus entered Peter’s house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever; he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him (*Matthew 8:14-15*).

**Response: We remember the hands of Jesus.**

**L:** They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him (*Mark 7:32*).

**Response: We remember the hands of Jesus.**

**L:** As the sun was setting; all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them (*Luke 4:40*).

**Response: We remember the hands of Jesus.**

**L:** He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him (*Matthew 14:29-31*).

**Response: We remember the hands of Jesus.**

**L:** When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set free from your ailment.’ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God (*Luke 13:12-13*).

**Response: We remember the hands of Jesus.**

**L:** While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, ‘My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live’ (*Matthew 9:18*)

**Response: We remember the hands of Jesus.**

**L:** And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them and blessed them (*Mark 10:16*).

**Response: We remember the hands of Jesus.**

**L:** Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into your hands I commend my spirit’ (*Luke 23:46*).

**Response: We remember the hands of Jesus.**

**L:** Look at my hands and feet; see that it is I myself (*Luke 24:39*).

**Response: We remember the hands of Jesus.**

**L:** Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them (*Luke 24:50*)

**Response: We remember the hands of Jesus.**

**L:** The hands of Jesus still love, and hold on and bless us all.

**Response: We remember the hands of Jesus. Amen**

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