

## **DIAKONIA Prayer Letter November 2022**

On the last Sunday of the church year in November, we remember in Switzerland those who have died in the past church year (Ewigkeitssonntag). We think of loved ones for whom we mourn. Thousands and thousands of people are mourning worldwide because they have lost loved ones through war, terror, persecution, torture, natural disasters, arguments, hunger, intrigues, addiction, desperation and...

In many places in the world, countless people live in great fear of death - in Ukraine, in Afghanistan, in Myanmar, in Ethiopia, in Nigeria, in Cameroon and...

We feel powerless, helpless, stunned and deeply sad. We cry out to our Heavenly Father for His mercy on affected individuals, families and communities. We ask for his gracious intervention to change the situation for these people and folks. Loving God, to whom has been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

In our liturgy at the end of the week prayer, we pray as a community of sisters during these weeks with the following words:

God, you are the source of life

We gather in Your holy name.  
You are among us, you live in us.  
We worship you.  
We praise you.

God, you are the light.

In you our life becomes bright, healthy and clear.  
We praise you

God, you are the origin of joy.

In you our joy is perfect.  
We praise you

God, you are our hope.

You make a way for us in the desert.  
We praise you

God, you are love.

In your love we find comfort, mercy, peace.  
We praise you  
Amen.

May many people who are hard distressed by grief and need find help and support in God, who is also their source of life, their light, their origin of joy, their hope and their love. Let us be faithful in interceding for all those who are mourning and all those in need in our immediate vicinity and in many unknown places!

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