

Day 4: Friday, Feb. 4th

An Initiative of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity in Celebration of the 2022 UN's World Interfaith Harmony Week

Habitat has been built on a foundation of faith and believes in the power of prayer. On Day 4 of our initiative, we have asked select members of Pikes Peak Habitat's Faith Relations Committee to offer prayers and or blessings from their own tradition for those in need of safe, affordable housing. Pikes Peak Habitat invites you to read over these prayers, representing different belief systems and faith traditions, and asks you to offer your own prayer or blessing according to your own convictions and tradition.

"Heavenly Father, you revealed yourself to us in the poverty of a stable. Look kindly on those who lack safe housing in this and every community, and strengthen those who work to alleviate their suffering. Lord, the poor are ever near to your heart; give us grace to seek and serve you and those less fortunate than ourselves, and to devote ourselves to a vision of a world more like your own Heavenly Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who though He was rich, yet for our sake became poor. Amen." — Dan Pitts, Grace & St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Dear God, Watch over your children, especially those with no homes to return to at the end of long and weary days. Protect them from all harm and keep them from despair. Open the hearts and eyes of those of us with blessings to share. Unite our voices in a call for justice: So that no man need ever lay down for the night on a wooden park bench because he has no home; So that no woman need ever tuck her children into the backseat of her car because she has no home; So that no child need ever wonder, "Where will I feel safe?" because he has no home; So that all those who wander and all who are in need, find the shelter and the peace they seek. Remind us, O God, that we cannot rest fully secure in our homes each night until all your children are, at last, home. Amen — Jeff Ader, Temple Beit Torah