

February 10 Talking Points

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(pause briefly after each point)

The Church to rise up and respond to AIDS and orphans.

Healthcare workers, counselors, and those who are directly ministering to people in crisis around the world.

Your response to these critical needs

(Prayer)

God, we thank you for all you have blessed us with. We are challenged to be the hands and feet of Christ. Together, we know the church is the hope of the world and we ask you to reveal in us how we can help do your will. In Jesus name, Amen.

(A scripture to read before offering)

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