Let us gather together lifting our hearts and minds to Jesus our Loving Savior. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

**Scripture** *(Luke 12:27-28,32)*

“Consider the lilies in the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as one of these. If God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown in the oven, how much more will He clothe you? ... Do not fear, for it is your Father’s will to give you the kingdom.”

**Patient Blessing**

Almighty Father, We gather around your beloved child Catherine to ask your blessing upon her during this most sacred and vulnerable time of her life. Through Baptism you claimed Catherine as your own; she was nourished at the table of the Eucharist, come now and be with her and give her strength and peace for the journey toward the fullness of love and life that only You can provide.

**Quilt Blessing**

Lord, we thank you for the loving hands and loving spirit of the quilter who created this quilt. We thank you for the generosity and time given, so that this quilt could be given as a gift to Catherine and her loved ones. As we clothe Catherine with this quilt, may it be a reminder of You the giver of all gifts. May the colors, textures and patterns displayed on this quilt symbolize the amazing beauty and glory of your creation. Let this quilt enfold Catherine with your love as Your Holy Spirit embraces her in loving and comforting ways. Lord, cover her with your mercy and your grace, easing any worry or pain that may hinder Catherine from enjoying the promise and peace of your kingdom.

**Family Blessing / Prayer**

Lord, we ask that you remember Catherine’s family and friends, especially Cindy and all those whose hearts are joined with us at this holy time. Hear the prayers of their hearts...

**Final Blessing:** Scripture *(Romans 8:37-39)*

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come; nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Lord we bless Catherine and entrust her to your Unfathomable Love... along with all that is holy. 
Amen
Christian Passage Quilt Prayer

Opening
Let us gather together lifting our hearts and minds to Jesus our Loving Savior.

Scripture (Luke 12:27-28, 32)
“Consider the lilies in the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as one of these. If God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown in the oven, how much more will He clothe you? … Do not fear, for it is your Father’s will to give you the kingdom.” God invites us in Matthew 11:28 & 29; “Come to me all of you are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit and you will find rest.

Patient Blessing
Almighty Father, We gather around your beloved child________________, to ask your blessings and claim your promises. We could see that her life was very hard at times; we know that you can see into her heart of hearts; You knew her joys and sorrows, which we could only guess at. We ask that you lift her burdens and free her, let her light shine, give her peace, and welcome her into your unfathomable love.

Quilt Blessing
Lord, we thank you for the loving hands and loving spirit of the quilter who created this quilt. We thank you for the generosity and time given, so that this quilt could be given as a gift to Deborah and her loved ones. As we cover ________ with this quilt, may it be a reminder of You the giver of all gifts. May the colors textures and patterns displayed on this quilt symbolize the amazing beauty and glory of your creation. Let this quilt enfold _____ with your love as Your Holy Spirit embraces her in loving and comforting ways. Lord, cover ______ with your mercy and your grace; welcome her, so she can enjoy the promise and pleasure of your kingdom.

Family Blessing / Prayer
Lord, we ask that you remember Deb’s family and friends, especially her mom _______, and ____________, and those whose hearts are joined with us at this holy time. Hear the prayers of their hearts...

Scripture (Romans 8:37-39)
“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, not rulers, nor things present, nor things to come; not powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Loving Father, through your Son, Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we entrust ________________ to your unfathomable love.

We entrust to you all that is Holy.

AMEN.

2. Christian Quilt Blessing
JEWISH PASSAGE-QUILT PRAYER

Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God the Lord is One.
You shall love the Lord, your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your might.

Great is Your Power, O Lord, and endless Your love.
The evening stars tell of Your might, and growing things are a song of Your love. You have taught us to uphold the falling, to heal the sick, to free the captive, to comfort all who suffer pain. In sickness and in health, in life and in death You are with us. Blessed is the Lord, Creator of life.

Hear now our prayer for ____________. You give strength. You take adversity. You give hope. You take despair. You give love. You take pain. The Lord gives and the Lord takes. All bless the name of the Lord.

Blessed are you, our God, King of the universe, who has such beautiful things in His universe. You, the source of all beauty, bless this quilt, created with loving hands for ____________. May it be a reminder of Your beauty, Your comfort and the love You have for Your people.

Lord, into Your hands, we entrust all that is holy.
You are our hope in death as in life.
Let us all say, Amen.

3. Jewish Quilt Blessing
Muslim Passage Quilt Prayer

The Shahada

“There is no God but Allah and Mohammed (peace be upon him) is his messenger.”

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

Praise be to Allah, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the Worlds;

Most Gracious, Most Merciful;

Master of the Day of Judgment.

Thee do we worship, and thine aid we seek.

Show us the straight way,

the way of those on whom,

Thou hast bestowed Thy Grace,

Those whose (portion) is not wrath,

and who go not astray.

For the Patient

O Allah, ease upon ______________, his matters, and make light for him whatever comes hereafter, and honor __________ with your meeting and make that which he will go to, better than that which he came out from. O Allah, forgive me and ______________, and grant me a good reward after him.

For the Quilt

____________________, accept this quilt as a reminder of love and comfort. It is a gift for you made by loving hands and loving hearts. May this quilt remind your family and friends of you and of Allah, the giver of all gifts.

4. Muslim Quilt Blessing
Buddhist Passage Quilt Prayer

Three Respectful Callings
We respectfully call upon the Buddha of Infinite Wisdom and Boundless Compassion to enter this sacred space.
We respectfully call on the Buddha, Shakyamuni,
To enter this sacred space,
We respectfully call upon the Buddha’s of the Ten Directions to enter this sacred space.

Vandana Ti-Sarana: Homage and Threefold Refuge
Namo tassa bhagavato arahato sama sambuddha sa
Homage to the Exalted One, the Enlightened One, the Supremely Awakened one.
Buddha saranam gacchami
We go to the Buddha for guidance.
Dharmam saranam gacchami
We go to the Dharma for guidance.
Sangham saranam gacchami
We go to the Sangha for guidance.

Readings and Blessings:  Reading from the Sutra Nipata
Let your love flow outward through the universe. To its height, its depth, its broad extent, a limitless love, without hate or enmity.
Then as you stand or walk, sit or lie down,
As long as you are awake, strive for this with a one-point mind;
Your life will bring heaven to earth.

Blessing
May this quilt, made with loving hands and loving hearts bring peace and comfort to _______________. And may it bring peace and comfort to ________________’s family & friends after his death.

Closing
May all beings have happiness, and the causes of happiness.
May all beings be free from suffering, and the causes of suffering.
    May all beings never be separated from the supreme joy that is beyond all sorrow.
    May all beings abide in equanimity free from attachment and aversion.
Vandana Ti-Sarana: Homage and Threefold Refuge

- Namo tassa bhagavato arahato sama sambuddha sa
  Homage to the Exalted One, the Enlightened One, the Supremely Awakened one.
- Buddha saranam gacchami
  We go to the Buddha for guidance.
- Dharmman saranam gacchami
  We go to the Dharma for guidance.
- Sangham saranam gacchami
  We go to the Sangha for guidance.

Tibetan: The Great Path of Awakening Jamgon Kongtrul Rinpoche

Pray to put an end to hope and fear:
If it’s better to be ill, pray for the blessing of illness.
If it’s better to recover, pray for the blessing of recovery.
If it’s better to die, pray for the blessing of death.

Blessing

May this quilt, made with loving hands and loving hearts bring peace and comfort to _________________. And may it bring peace and comfort to _________________’s family & friends after his death.

Tibetan: Book of the Dead – Padma Sambhava

Now when the bardo of dying dawns upon _________________, may he abandon all grasping, yearning, and attachment, enter undistracted into a clear awareness of the teaching, and eject his consciousness into the space of unborn awareness; as _________________ leaves this compound body of flesh and blood, may he know it to be a transitory illusion.

Closing: Tibetan Nyingma Master – Long Chenpa Rabjampa – 14th Century

When time has come and impermanence and death have caught up with _________________, when the breath ceases, and the body and mind go their separate ways, may he not experience delusion, attachment, and clinging, but remain in the natural state of ultimate reality.

6. Tibetan Buddhist Quilt Blessing
Oh only for so short awhile you have loaned us to each other, because we take form in your act of drawing us, and we take life in your painting us, and we breathe in your singing us, but only for so short a while have you loaned us to each other.

Ancient Aztec Prayer

We come together to honor N. J. H.
We come together to honor Life Love and Peace. We honor all that has been, all that is and all that will be. We raise our voices, hearts, and hands in blessing. (All extend their hands in blessing.)

You are blessed in your parents’ eyes…You are blessed in your children’s eyes…
You are blessed in all your doings…You are blessed in all your endings…
You are blessed and purified…
There is no pain where you are going…There is no sadness where you are received…
There is only the happiness of going home…There is only the bliss of having arrived.
Zuzsanna E Budapest from “The Goddess in the Bedroom”

We bless this Passage Quilt, made with loving hands and creative delight. May this quilt be a sign of comfort and peace for N. J. H. and her family. May the colors and textures gather in the good memories that she has generously built. May this quilt be a keepsake and remembrance when N. J. H. is gone from our sight. May it carry the voices, wisdom, and wonder of the generations.

(This part was added by chaplain summarizing memories shared around the bed of NJH and a copy was sent to the children: Gratitude expressed were for NJH’s ability to cook and be a pioneer in the whole food movement before it was a movement… to be able to make a meal out of whatever was there. We are grateful that NJH was nurturing and creative. For her ability to teach her children that connection between people and their spirits is what is important… to be able to look past societal road blocks and make connections anyway. For being a wise, gentle, fun parent leaning more to spoiling the child than using the rod. A grandmother who was caring and present who taught cookie making and always had a smile; a Nana like no other…)

And in conclusion we pray:

Living Spirits of the Earth…Mother and Father of us all,
You who hold us in your breath, You who bathe us in your waters,
Who feed us with your fruits, Guardian of where we are going,
of who we are becoming, Cradle of our days and coffin of our nights,
You who carry us folded in your arms…Sailing silently among the stars,
Hear our prayers… Give us peace.
The Terra Collective

7. Universal Quilt Blessing