

# Affordable Housing Week Worship Resources

## *Prayer for Those at Risk of Losing Their Homes*



*We give thanks for the warmth, the privacy, the security and comfort a home gives.*

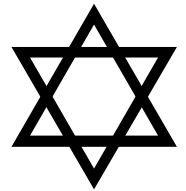
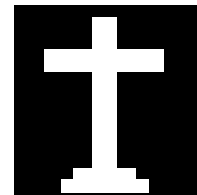
*We ask for courage to speak up for those at risk of losing their home and security.*

*We ask for strength and blessings for those that have run out of options and are facing homelessness.*

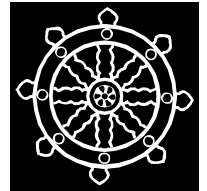
*May our voices be heard by those making decisions to affect the funding that would prevent others from losing not only their home but also privacy and comfort.*

### **Sample Congregational Petitions:**

**We pray in thanksgiving to God who sustains us in all our needs. May each of us open our hearts to stand in solidarity with those who are homeless or who face the threat of homelessness.**



**We pray for the homeless and for those living in fear of becoming homeless. May they find in our faith community a welcoming hand willing to assist them with their housing needs and willing to speak out effectively to advocate on their behalf.**



**We pray for our elected leaders. May they use their gifts and influence with compassion and courage to prevent homelessness by promoting and supporting affordable housing programs for all those in need in our community and our state.**

### **Sample Worship Service Announcements:**

**A Week Prior to Postcard Signing:** People of faith in DuPage County and across the state are participating in the Affordable Housing Week to draw attention to those who cannot find affordable housing and how to prevent homelessness. Our community is joining this effort by including an informational insert in our bulletin about the need to increase state funding for the Family Homelessness Prevention Program. Please read the information and join us on \_\_\_\_\_ to sign postcards to Gov. Blagojevich and sign up to be part of the DuPage Housing Action Coalition Action Alert .

**On the Day of Postcard Signing:** Today we join with People of Faith in DuPage County in signing postcards directed to Governor Blagojevich asking for increased funding for the Family Homelessness Prevention Program. This bill will provide rent and utility assistance to prevent low-income families from becoming homeless. You can sign a postcard and sign up to be part of the action alert network by \_\_\_\_\_.