

OTTAWA, ON (October 27, 2016)

## **PRAYER FOR JERUSALEM PARTNERSHIP & TRAVELLING DELEGATES**

As you may know, 30 women from the Diocese of Ottawa will be travelling to our partnership Diocese of Jerusalem from November 5 - 18, 2016. We ask you to please pray for our partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. Pray for those who travel and those who will offer hospitality. The pilgrim's blessing may be used this Sunday, October 30 as the women prepare to leave on their pilgrimage on November 5.

### **Prayer for our Partnership**

God of pilgrims, you call us to journey in faith and have given us companions to accompany and support us. We give thanks for our membership in communities of faith, and we celebrate our companionship with our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Jerusalem. Be with them in a troubled time, and give them strength. Bless those who travel, and those who offer hospitality. You are the beginning and the end of our journey. Be with us on the way. Amen.

### **A Pilgrim's Blessing**

*Prayer to be used to commission and bless delegates as they prepare for their journey.*

O God of the open road, you have summoned your servant (*name*)  
to a journey of pilgrimage and soulful travel.  
She has readied herself to embark on this ancient way  
in anticipation of discovery, renewal and sacred encounter.  
Uphold her on this journey with courage and endurance.  
Guide her steps and open her path.  
Grant her protection and companions of joy.  
And may she continue in your Presence  
until that day when we shall welcome her homecoming  
and rejoice together again,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

*Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Dr. Richard LeSueur*