

Litany for the Blessing of Children's Hands
Created for the W. Pa. Annual Conference

All: Sing "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" (verse 1)

The United Methodist Hymnal, #273

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy!
Say with me, "I clap my hands for joy!"

All: I clap my hands for joy!

Leader: For God will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up.
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
Say with me, "God's hands will keep me safe!"

All: God's hands will keep me safe!

Leader: And Jesus took the little children up in his arms, laid his hands on
them, and blessed them.
Say with me, "I am blessed by Jesus' hands!"

All: I am blessed by Jesus' hands!"

Leader: As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with
various diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each
of them and cured them.
Say with me, "Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all!"

All: Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all!

Leader: Let us place our hands on the hands we have made, and pray for all
the people who will sit in the chairs where these hands are placed.
Repeat after me:
Thank you, God, for the kind hands of Jesus.
Thank you for the people who serve your church.
Bless the ones who will be touched by our hands.
Fill them with peace and wisdom and joy...

...throughout the days of annual conference.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

All: Sing "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" (verse 2)