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Please offer this prayer at 1:00 p.m. (13:00 on a 24-hour clock):

Lord God, our most merciful Father, in this fallen and sinful world, death is the constant and impartial enemy of all. We humbly ask you to show mercy on all those who are suffering from malaria today. If it be Your will, restore the afflicted to full health. Surround them in their time of illness with Your love, especially the children who are weak and afraid,

through the family and friends who minister to them. Comfort those who have already lost a loved one to malaria or will, especially the parents of young children who have died. By Your power, end this disease. Bless the education and relief efforts of the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. Grant that LMI's educators, physicians, health care providers and missionaries are powerfully and fully equipped to bring an end to the human suffering and death in Africa caused by malaria. Through the Gospel of Your Son Jesus, proclaimed through Word and Sacrament, strengthen our faith and lead others to see that a life in His grace leads only to an eternal existence in Your loving presence. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. Amen.

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