A Blessing to conclude a meeting or gathering around Mercy Day

This blessing is adapted, with permission, from a poem written by Mary Wickham rsm.

***Blessing***

Go forth from this gathering place with joy; go forth with hope.

Go forth from this place with remembering hearts,

Grateful for all that we have shared.

Go forth with arms held wide,

Open to what God sends to us for merciful embrace.

Go forth from this place with feet that itch to continue the dance

And to walk the roads of mercy.

Go forth from this place with enthusiastic faith in God and in one another,

Until we meet again.

May God, the Trinity of love – Creator, Word and Wisdom – who inspired Catherine McAuley and each of our founders, bless us all on our way.

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