

## **BLESSING FOR CAREGIVERS**

Elohai Neshama/God, Source of all breath:

We thank you, God, for the skill, care and concern of the many about me this day and throughout the CHI St. Luke's Health Care Network who have dedicated themselves to health and healing. It is they who respond to calls for help; they who will be with patients and their families and friends throughout the difficult times ahead. Grant wisdom, patience and understanding to them. Bless the work of their hands and their heart that their labors may not be in vain. May You, O Holy One, bring healing by strengthening all those engaged in healing of body and spirit. Make them worthy partners of Your healing presence. As Your helpers, may they find the way to restore all who turn to them with life renewed. May they and all those they encounter this day and every day feel the comfort of Your presence. *V'Nomar Amen* /And we all say, Amen.

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