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Blessing of St. Clare

What you hold, may you always hold.
What you do, may you do and never stop.
But with swift pace, light step, unswerving feet so that your steps stir up no dust may you go forward securely, joyfully and swiftly on the path of prudent happiness.



#### **TEAM DISCUSSION**

- How is healing a spiritual practice?
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We welcome positive or constructive feedback on modules. Connect with Mary at Mary.Salm@hshs.org.

