

We pray for Ascension School, for Patty the Executive Director, for the staff and volunteers. We pray for those who will make Universal Love come alive: program directors, counselors, resource people, chaplains, and Cove coordinators, especially *N.*, our parish coordinator.

We pray for the campers, that they may find their faith deepened and their love expanded. May they be signs of hope for us all.

The people share their intercessions silently or aloud. We pray for those who will be part of the Ascension School program this summer

People **God of love you lived and died as one of us so we might have life and have it in abundance. Be with these persons and all those who will come to know your Universal Love more fully this summer. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.**

Deacon “Love alone is capable of uniting living beings in such a way . . . All we need is to imagine our ability to love developing until it embraces the totality of humankind and the earth.” (*Teilhard de Chardin*)*

* *These quotes have been adapted for inclusive language.*

Ascension Sunday Prayers of the People

UNIVERSAL LOVE

17 May 2015



Deacon Uniting ourselves to God’s universal love for the Church and the World, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

People **Jesus, help us love others as you love us.**

Intercessor “All things are our relatives; what we do to everything, we do to ourselves. All is really One.” (*Black Elk*)

Silence

We pray for the World, for justice that brings peace, for our stewardship of Creation, for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord,

People **Jesus, help us love others as you love us.**

Intercessor “What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow man or woman. This is the law: all the rest is commentary. (*Talmud, Shabbat 31a*)*

Silence

We pray for our Nation, for a government and a people who care for the least of these, for the hungry, the homeless, and for those in prison. For our president, Barack, our legislators and our courts, let us pray to the Lord,

People **Jesus, help us love others as you love us.**

Intercessor "None of you truly believes until you wish for your brother or sister what you wish for yourself." (#13 of Imam "Al-Nawawi's Forty Hadiths)*

Silence

We pray for the Church, for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, for Nedi our bishop, for our diocese, its clergy and people, that it may be filled with truth and love and be an instrument of grace in the world, let us pray to the Lord,

People **Jesus, help us love others as you love us.**

Intercessor "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful." (Udana-Varga 5.18)

Silence

We pray for our community. May our eyes be opened to truly see you in our neighbors and our ears opened to hear the cries of the poor, let us pray to the Lord,

People **Jesus, help us love others as you love us.**

Intercessor "Do to others as you would have them do to you." (Luke 6.31)

Silence

We pray for those who are sick, those who suffer and those in any kind of trouble. We pray for their families and friends, and for those who care for them.

The people share their intercessions silently or aloud.

We pray for those who have died that they may rest in peace and rise in glory.

The people share their intercessions silently or aloud.

People Let us pray to the the Lord,
Jesus, help us love others as you love us

Those who will be participating in any at Ascension School this summer are invited to come forward at this time.

Intercessor "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15.12)

Silence

We give thanks for Ascension School: for its beauty, its board and its benefactors and for those who have given of their time, talent and treasure so others may attend.

The people share their thanksgivings silently or aloud.