

Associate Meeting June 1, 2021

Reflection – Anne DeVoe

During this pandemic we've all listened to our mutual stories of growth and hope in our ordinary lives. Our lives were halted. We had fear instilled in us due to Covid, and we were challenged by many unknowns. Yet God was there using all of us to support one another with smiles, prayers and Zoom. The Spirit was at work!

We've recently celebrated Pentecost Sunday and the feast of the Holy Trinity. We've made it through thus far with inoculations, masks, wipes and CDC advice. God is asking us in and through scripture to challenge ourselves even more as we "re-enter" the world which is not the world we "left" when we were more isolated.

We're being asked to take what we've received in prayer and share it. Our faith, hope, love, joy, and service are a part of us that we've truly embraced even more. We have much to offer as disciples to our brothers and sisters. It doesn't take much to see that the world, our country, our church, and congregation as well as those who've given us prayer intentions that we raise to God with our own.

Tonight we will include a time for more reflection as we conclude our meeting schedule for the year. As people of prayer let's contemplate and pray with the knowledge that the Spirit is alive in all of us.

Part 1

Our focus will be for the world and our country.

We pray for our world

We pray for peace, reconciliation, equal education for all, women & children, racism, arms control, climate change, world health needs, human trafficking, better distribution of goods and food, respect for gender, race, religion, human rights and dignity, migrant and refugees,. Include any other intentions in the silence of your hearts.

We pray for our country The United States of America.

We pray for peace, racism, equality in education, housing, jobs, equal pay and voting rights, freedom of religion, gun control, violence, women & children, climate control, leaders who speak with truth, justice and equality.

Let's pray for all other intentions in the silence of our hearts.

-Visio Divina-

Pray with the song

This Is My Song

Has lyrics. Notice names of different countries in bottom right hand corner.

Part 2

We pray for people of all faiths and denominations.

We pray for Pope Francis, all hierarchy, clergy, religious, lay people, peace & reconciliation, role of women in the church, small sharing groups ex. Alpha & Beta groups, social justice, the poor, racism.

We pray for our congregation and all other groups of men and women in religious life.

We pray for our SASV leadership and sisters, ASASV leadership, and associates, chapters/ group gatherings, LCWR, economic needs, deceased members, aging/diminishment, ongoing discernment, and planning for the future of congregations.

Let's pray for all other intentions in the silence of our hearts.

-Visio Divina-

The Servant Song

Part 3

We pray for ourselves, families, friends, and those who have asked for our prayers, with the intercession of the Trinity, and communion of saints,

Pray The Our Father together

QUIET

Question – Finish this statement -

The Holy Spirit is challenging me to _____ in my call as an SASV sister or associate and disciple.

Sharing – Karen Pelletier-Moderator

Closing Prayer by Joyce Rupp

Let's call upon the Spirit as we pray:

Come, Come with your transforming breath. Breathe on us until we are ripe with life.

Fire us to be a light ablaze for the world, our country, church, congregation, and those around us. Amen

Closing Song

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Played by Pat Wenzel