

Jan 13.19 Prayers

The journey into our new year has begun. The darkness is changing to light and in each day we experience new things, follow familiar routines: we begin again. We give thanks for all the past year, the past week, and the past day have held for us, for the loving presence of the Beloved through it. We give thanks for each person who has been present to us in 2018.

Holy One of Love Hear our prayer.

When each of us arrived in this world we were given our name, one that is uniquely ours. To call someone by their own name is an act of dignity and love. Here is this sacred space we greet each other by name, giving us a sense of belonging in this community.

Those who live on the margins and fringes of society have a name, a cord of connection to their inner dignity. The Beloved knows their name and Love speaks their name.

Those in prisons, shut away from the outside world, have their own unique name. The Beloved knows their name and Love speaks their name.

Those ill in hospitals and care homes have a name, a cord of connection to their dignity and worth. Love speaks their name.

Migrants and refugees seeking safety and home have a name, worth and dignity. Love speaks their name in their painful journey.

Those in power have a name. Even in the misuse of power, Love calls them back to their original created dignity.

We speak the name of the beloved ones we have lost, telling their stories, keeping them present to us when we speak their name, never forgetting them.

Holy One of Love Hear our prayer.

May all those who have taken stand for justice, peacefully seeking to bring dialogue to all sides, be given courage. May all those who tirelessly work for reconciliation and restoration be held up by those who are witness to the process. The Holy One has called to each of us to seek justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.

Give us courage to live this out in each day, where we are, with Love. We give thanks for those in our communities who are peace keepers, law keepers and healers.

Holy One of Love Hear our prayer

With compassion and love we speak together the names of those on our prayer list at the back of our bulletin:

Holy One of love Hear our prayer.

Love formed and created us.
Holy love gave us breath

Love calls us by name
Holy love reminds us we are beloved
Love says be not afraid, go in love.

Amen