



PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD



We are One in Christ

PNW Conference Devotional • Day One

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:22-23, NRSV

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

REFLECTION: LOVE

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Whenever our Pacific Northwest Filipino-American Clergy Caucus gathers, it gives the group an opportunity to share and listen to the many nuances we face as new and experienced pastors serving all types of congregational sizes, leanings, generations, cultures and subcultures. And when faced with difficult questions, like issues of inclusivity and Human Sexuality, the Rev. Stan DePano (retired) always reminds us to approach everything in LOVE. Be it our parishioners or the community we serve, he reminds us that "We as disciples of Jesus are sent to love."

I continue to appreciate such a voice of wisdom, reminding us not to respond in hatred, but to love, as Jesus loved.

PRAYER

Dear God, as we see many signs of hatred in our midst, may we continue to follow your greatest commandment, to love YOU first, and others as ourselves. Make us stand firm in making your love known during these days of darkness, uncertainty and fear.

Come Holy Spirit. Come and be our voice of Love. Amen.