

## **Prayers of the Faithful for Cabrini Mission Corps and Good Shepherd Volunteers Commissioning Liturgy, August 22, 2009**

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### **Prayer for staff and directors...**

For those who have guided us these last few days, that their service, passion, inspiration, and love will strengthen and enable us to serve all whom we meet, as well as each other. May their witness to the love of God through service, remain with us as we leave this place. We pray...

### **Prayer for the volunteers and missionaries...**

For we who have come to answer the call to serve as Good Shepherd Volunteers and Cabrini Missioners, that we may strive to be bearers of the love of Christ in the world, being always mindful that one person is of more value than a world. Keep us united in community, simplicity, justice, and spirituality, remembering that we can do all things through God who strengthens us. We pray...

### **Prayer for those we serve...**

For those that we will serve and be served by this year, that we may be aware of their wholeness and holiness as children of God. May our interactions be mutually enriching as we work to be in 'right relationship' with all. We pray...

### **Prayer for those who have influenced us...**

For those who have, and continue to, influence our response to the call to serve, including those who encourage us and especially those who challenge us and make us stronger. May their influence help us respond by acting justly, loving tenderly and walking humbly with God. We pray...

### **Prayer for the church...**

For the Church and civic leaders, that those who lead and guide us recognize that in doing so, they too, are servants. May they be inspired by Christ the Servant King to work towards and facilitate a world of love, peace, hope, and justice for all. We pray...

### **Prayer for the world...**

For the world and its people, may our ministry serve our neighbors far and near. Allow us to be confident that the smallest of our actions will transcend the boundaries that we all encounter. That our love will create a most just and peace-filled world, where Christ is recognized in all. We pray...

***God of Love, hear our prayer.***