

Reflection and Prayer

“...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8b NRSV

Jesus gave this charge to his disciples before he ascended into heaven — a far bigger mission than they likely anticipated. Jerusalem made sense. This was close enough to their home turf. Judea expanded their call to the greater region, a place where Jesus’ ministry was rejected. But Samaria? This was a place where the disciples would have felt out of place and even avoided so that they wouldn’t have to associate with the Samaritan people. And to the ends of the earth?

Despite the daunting challenge Jesus charged them with, moved by the Holy Spirit, the disciples put aside their doubts and got to work. You too are sending God’s love to the very ends of the earth. No matter how far away your neighbor lives, your quilts and kits are reaching them and wrapping them in comfort and hope. May God’s promise keep you steadfast in your work so that all may feel God’s love.

PRAYER: Creator God, you have entrusted us to be your witnesses in the world and you give us the tools to do this work. Thank you for the skills to create beautiful quilts that will wrap our neighbors in your love. Thank you for hands that put together kits to care for families in need. Bless the recipients of our gifts and help us to continue to care for our neighbors all around the world, even those who are far away and sometimes hard to reach. **Amen.**

