

LITANY 1 - A REFLECTION ON 1 CORINTHIANS 13

Leader: In 1969, we heard the words from afar "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". That same year, we also heard the invitation "We Walk because they Walk". So began the CROP Hunger Walk, with many choosing to walk in the footsteps of those who had no choice but to walk to meet their daily needs. Many steps of love for one giant leap to a world where there is enough food for all.

People: We will walk with each other, we will walk side by side. And they will know we are Christians by our love.

Leader: If I speak in the tongues of people or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

People: We will walk with each other, we will walk side by side. And they will know Whose we are by our love.

Leader: If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

People: We will walk with each other, we will walk side by side. And they will know that we are their neighbors by our love.

Leader: If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

People: We will walk with each other, we will walk side by side. And they will know the love of God through our love.

Leader: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

People: We will walk with each other, we will walk side by side. And they will know we walk for justice by our love.

Leader: Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

People: We will walk with each other, we will walk side by side. And they will know we walk to change the world by our love.

Leader: And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

People: We will walk with each other, we will walk side by side. And they will know that we love them by our love.

Leader: 50 years and still walking together! Loving God with each step of faith and leap of hope, may we bring Your loving Kingdom closer. Amen.