

Leader: Let us pray: God of Love, we pray for safety as this team travels, courage as they try new things and overcome fears, and excitement as they learn more about you. Help them to accept all people right where they are just the way they are and embrace all people as neighbors. Bless them with servant hearts so they may share the strength of your love with each other. In the name of Jesus Christ, our savior, Amen.

Leader: (To volunteers)
May God bless you, protect you, strengthen you, and fill you with compassion. May the love of neighbor be made real through sharing and serving in _____County. Amen.

Service of Commissioning for ASP Volunteers



Summer 2023

Leader: Today we commission those who have been called to serve with the Appalachia Service Project. ASP's theme verse this summer is a call to action urging us to live as people who love God with everything we have and who extend the love of God to all people in need, our neighbors. We love God when we live fully in relationship with God and our neighbor. We love our neighbor when we reach out with compassion to all in need. Hear these words from Luke *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and Love your neighbor as yourself"* (NIV)

Leader: Will you accept this commission, live it to the best of your abilities striving to love God with heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself? If so, please answer, "We will."

Team Members: We will.

Leader: As you serve, will you seek to grow in love for God and neighbor, and promise to support each other and support the staff of Appalachia Service Project so that together we may be people who Love Strong? If so please answer, "We will."

Team Members: We will.

Leader: As you travel, will you live in the promise of the Good News and share the love of Christ with all people? If so please answer, "We will."

Team Members: We will.

Leader: People of God, will you support these persons who God has called to serve with the Appalachia Service Project? Will you pray for them, encourage them, and send them as ambassadors of Christ and representatives of this congregation (community)? If so please answer, "We will."

Congregation: We will.

