

**2017 ASSEMBLY PRAYER: TRUST EMPOWERS US**



**Loretto Assembly 2017**

Loving God, we thank you and praise you for your faithful and abiding Goodness. We have come to know and believe in the love you have for us (1Jn:4:16). May we accept and trust this love as we give our lives away in the repair of the world.

We ask for particular blessings as we gather for deep conversations, discernment, and commitment. May we be gentle with one another as we face our vulnerabilities, our losses, and uncertainties for the future. Help us to trust in the midst of hurting and ambiguity.

May we be generous in our interactions with one another. When we have strong opinions, help us to be aware of inner thoughts, feelings and intentions. May we speak with integrity and thoughtfulness.

May we be grateful for this community and the Goodness within and among us.

May we come to know and trust that God gives us a future full of hope (Jer 29:11). For you, O God, are our God and it is Your work that we do. Soften our hearts and minds as we continue to open ourselves to the needs of each other, to the suffering in the world, and to all creation. Give us the strength, courage, and wisdom to embrace your transforming presence. Bless us as we remember that who we are and what we are called to do is from You alone.

Amen

*Suggestion:* Sit quietly and pray each segment meditatively. Take a word or phrase that speaks to you at this time, and ask God to hold you in this prayer.