

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Three times Jesus asked, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Three times Simon answered “Yes Lord, you know I do.” Three times Jesus replied, “Then feed my lambs.” “Then take care of my sheep” “Feed my sheep.” John 21:15-17

Offertory Thought

Alice had out-lived family and friends and financial resources. She came to the door of Christian Care Communities with all of her possessions in two paper bags and one old suitcase. Today is a Fifth Sunday. Your gifts and prayers will help Alice live the last years of her life comfortably and securely among new friends and a staff that will love and care for her. You will also be responding to the final instruction of Jesus in the Gospel of John. He told us to take care of each other and especially those who have special needs. I know that you will give generously.

Offertory Prayer

Thank you, God, for this opportunity to express our love for you, through the gifts we bring to support and encourage your work here in this place and in other places. We ask especially today that you will bless our gifts for Christian Care Communities. Grant that they will make a positive difference in the life of Alice and the others we serve through these ministries. Make our hearts glad that we are able to share in extending your gospel of love to the ends of the earth. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.