

## Prayer for Those Participating in the Day of Silence

We keep in our prayers the young adults  
Who will spend a day of silence  
To challenge their communities  
To recognize the dignity of every child of God  
And end all bullying and harassment.

May their silence echo the call to respect  
The human dignity of every person,  
Their right to flourish, secure in peace.

May their silence speak loudly  
Of the power of solidarity  
To end the evil of discrimination.

May their silence ring out  
To proclaim we are all connected,  
Sisters and brothers in the human family.

May their silence proclaim their hope,  
Their belief that their schools can become  
Communities of compassion and concern.

So we pray that their silence will speak  
In ways that reach hearts and spirits,  
Guiding their peers, and all of us,  
To conversion and to inclusion,  
Ending fear and extending welcome. Amen.

—Jane Deren, Ph.D.

