

A Litany of Thanksgiving for the Reverend Regina Bethune

Words in italics are to be read by all.

Thanks be to you, Love Divine,
for the many gifts you have given us
through Gina's faithful service.

Thanks be to you, Love Divine,
for the many gifts you have given hospital patients, families, and staff members
through Gina's faithful service.

Thanks be to you, Love Divine,
for the many gifts you have given chaplains and CPE educators
through Gina's faithful service.

Blessed be you, Gina, multiplier of ministries, prophet for presence, visionary for God.
*Remember who you are-beloved;
stay close to God;
the work will be there.*

Blessed be you, Gina, for your inner work, your outer work, your inspiring work.
*Remember who you are-beloved;
stay close to God;
the work will be there.*

Blessed be you, Gina, for thresholds crossed, for courage shared, for a plethora of poems.
*Remember who you are-beloved;
stay close to God;
the work will be there.*

As you write this next verse of your ministry,
may our gratitude surround you,
may the love of God anchor you,
may your wisdom guide you.

*Remember who you are-beloved;
stay close to God;
the work will be there.*

Blessed be you, Gina,
may God give your courage
to rest and to wonder.
May you be astounded by what is yet to come.