To work for something beyond ourselves teaches us about the human spirit.

It's easy to feel hopeful about people after an experience where progress is made. But when we serve others, we gain more than hope. We gain energy—energy pours into our bodies through our open hearts and generous spirits.
Acknowledging with hearts open, let us pray …

God, we know that together we can do far more than we can alone. Let us be your instruments of justice and peace in the neighborhoods in which we work, along with the persons who join us in our work. Relying upon your love and mercy, we know that we will have what we need. Amen.