



do justice • love tenderly • walk humbly with God Micah 6:8

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We begin all of our prayer in the presence of our loving Creator; because we are all created in the very image and likeness of God!

As a Christian community, we know this:

Love is what keeps us together!

Daily reflection:

(Pacem in Terris, 35; Pope John XXIII)

Today we look to the example of Pope John XXIII. He saw injustice in the world and in the Church and set about making big changes. In *Pacem in Terris*, he writes extensively about human rights.

“Human society demands that (people) be guided by justice, respect the rights of others and do their duty. It demands, too, that they be animated by such love as will make them feel the needs of others as their own, and induce them to share their goods with others... Nor is this enough; for human society thrives on freedom, namely, on the use of means which are consistent with the dignity of its individual members.”

Daily decision for action:

Do we feel the needs of others as our own?

Does our love and compassion inspire goodness in others?

Are our laws and policies consistent with the dignity of each individual member?

Let's pray today for the grace to continue the mission that John XXIII gave to us.

Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

For the Church and its members, may our faith grow strong and may our love keep us all together in Christ.

For those who are unhoused, may our efforts and the efforts of the Christian community help them find stable shelter and safety.

For love and peace in our homes and in our families and the homes of families all over the world.

For all of us, that we will love each other and build a strong community as brothers and sisters.

Blessing: *(the prayer of Aaron over the people of God: Num. 6:23b–26)*

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

May the Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

And we say together with all of the people of God:

Amen.