



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:

We have to get ready for God's kingdom!

Daily reflection:

(Pope Francis, 11/26/2014)

Pope Francis tells us about God's kingdom:

"God is preparing a new dwelling place and a new earth where justice will abide... This is where the church is heading. More than a place, it is a state of the soul where our deepest aspirations will be fulfilled with abundance.

It's beautiful to think about this, isn't it, to think about heaven. All of us will be there, all of us. It's beautiful and gives us strength."

Daily decision for action...

Think for a moment what heaven looks like. Picture yourself there.

Who do you see there?

How does it make you feel?

What can we do to make our community look and feel a little bit like heaven?

That's how we get ready for God's kingdom.

Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

For Pope Francis and all Church leaders, that they will be true shepherds of God's flock.

For those who speak out against injustice and prejudice, that their voices be heard.

For those who live in places of violence or oppression, that God's peace will triumph around them.

For us, that we will be ready for God's kingdom by living in love and peace with each other.

Blessing: *(the prayer of Aaron upon the people: 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!