



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

**January 3, 2025**

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:**

**God's love is for everyone!**

**Daily reflection:**

*(Pope Francis)*

When Pope Francis officially launched the Vatican's 2025 Jubilee Year on Dec. 24, he encouraged Christians to use the opportunity to dream of a "new world where peace and justice reign."

"The Jubilee calls us to spiritual renewal and commits us to the transformation of our world, so that this year may truly become a time of jubilation... to recover lost hope, to renew that hope in our hearts, and to sow seeds of hope amid the bleakness of our time and our world... If God can visit us, even when our hearts seem like a lowly manger, we can truly say: Hope is not dead; hope is alive, and it embraces our lives forever!"

**Daily decision for action...**

If our year is to be one of jubilation, where peace and justice reign, Pope Francis tells us that we need to be people of hope.

What are our hopes for this year? How do we help others find hope? How can we help transform our world?

**Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:**

For the Church as we celebrate these days of joy, may we also be people of peace.

For all nations in the world, for an end to conflict and suffering.

For everyone who has lost a loved one this past year, may the peace and love of Christ rest in their hearts.

For all of us, that we will be sources of light and love to those who endure hardship.

**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!**