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

December 25, 2024

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 is with us!

Daily reflection: (Christmas Day)

In the scriptures for Christmas day, we hear in Psalm 98:

"The LORD has made salvation known:

in the sight of the nations God has revealed his justice....

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise."

Daily decision for action...

On Christmas day, we celebrate with family and friends. We also celebrate with people all over the world. God's salvation has been seen by all the ends of the earth.

God's justice has been revealed to all. It is not a justice of retribution, but of love. A justice in which God enters our world, our humanity, as a newborn baby – totally dependent on his parents, his family, his community.

This kind of justice calls us to take a moment and enter into this Jubilee year of Justice and "sing joyfully to the Lord; sing praise"!

Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

For the Church as we celebrate Christmas, that our own joy will show God's love to the world.

For all nations in the world, for peace and respect among all people.

For expectant mothers, that they will safely deliver their child and be filled with the joy of motherhood.

For all of us, that we will spread the joy of the Incarnation to everyone we meet.

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!