



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:

Everyone has a right to own property, to have a home!

Daily reflection:

([Sollicitudo Rei Socialis](#), #42)

“It is necessary to state once more the characteristic principle of Christian social doctrine: the goods of this world are originally meant for all. The right to private property is valid and necessary, but it does not nullify the value of this principle. Private property, in fact, is under a “social mortgage,” which means that it has an intrinsically social function, based upon and justified precisely by the principle of the universal destination of goods.”

Pope John Paul II, who dedicated much of his life to bringing down the communist Iron Curtain that suffocated his home country of Poland, also addresses the abusive nature in other systems. He put these systems under the same scrutiny and introduced to Catholic Social Teaching the concept of a “social mortgage” – whatever we possess comes with obligations. The world cannot be a winner-take-all scenario.

Whatever we have was ultimately given to us by the One who created everything!

Whatever we have is held under mortgage by the One who created everything.

Daily decision for action:

Anyone who has ever been around a toddler has heard this word: “Mine!”

At first it is cute and endearing, but it quickly becomes annoying, and it rapidly escalates into toddler-tyranny! Let us pray today for the grace to understand that everything we have was given to us by our Creator.

Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

For Church and world leaders, that they will work to ensure that everyone has a safe and secure home.

For people who are unhoused, may the Christian community work with civic leaders to create policies that will provide adequate housing for all.

For all those who struggle to maintain a house to live in, may they have access, income, and resources to live in safety and peace.

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.