



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 are each made in God's image!

Daily reflection:

(the Vincentian mission)

At the heart of the Vincentian mission, from the very beginning in 1617, is the call to serve those most in need. This flows from the belief that each person possesses human dignity, something inherently ours – not earned by good behavior. We honor others by offering food, shelter, clothing, etc. and we are really good at these tasks! In addition, however, St. Vincent also challenges us with these words: “we must run to the spiritual needs of our neighbor as if we were running to a fire.” This too honors the dignity of each person; it may in fact be more urgent than the “stuff” we provide...

Daily call to action:

Racial injustice rips into the fabric of God's design for us to reverence every person even in very small ways. Do I neglect to offer simple forms of encouragement to others? Do I jump to assumptions about those who are different from me? Do they deserve less of my time or kindness? What am I modeling for my children when I encounter a clerk having a rough day on the job? These are subtle opportunities to dig deeply into my belief that (as we often sing in church) “All are welcome” in “my place”. Let's run to this fire!

Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

That leaders everywhere will treat all people as children of One God.

For our own families – and for our big family, The Church – that we will always know God's love.

For people who have had to leave their families, that they will see God's family all around them.

For all of us, that we will discover the likeness of God in everyone we see.

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.