



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 must act with preference for those who are oppressed!

Daily reflection:

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Just like in 1979, when the U.S. bishops wrote this, we live in a time:

“characterized by limited resources, restricted job markets and dwindling revenues. In this atmosphere, the poor and racial minorities are being asked to bear the heaviest burden of the new economic pressures... This new economic crisis reveals an unresolved racism that permeates our society's structures and resides in the hearts of many among the majority. Because it is less blatant, this subtle form of racism is in some respects even more dangerous – harder to combat and easier to ignore.”

Catholic Social Teaching tells us that when we make decisions about how we structure our society, that our decisions must have a “preferential option” for those who are poor/oppressed, who are otherwise defenseless against the powerful.

Daily decision for action:

It is easy to ignore, or be complicit in, those “less blatant” forms of racism that exist in our society. Can we make those expressions of racism more widely recognized? How can we become better informed about the racism that we don’t even see?

Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

For Pope Francis, that he will be given strength to return to good health so that he might continue to guide the people of God.

For anyone who suffers oppression and injustice of any kind, may they know and feel the support of the Christian community.

For those who are bound unjustly, may our actions and decisions help release them.

For all of us, that we will be more and more aware of how our decisions affect others.

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.