

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:

### Love is what keeps us together!

### Daily reflection:

(Pope Francis, General Audience, June 12, 2013)

Pope Francis speaks to us about love, about how God's children fight each other: "How does this happen? Within the People of God, there are so many wars! How many wars of envy, of jealousy, are waged in neighborhoods, in the workplace! Even within the family itself, there are so many internal wars! We must ask the Lord to make us correctly understand this law of love. How beautiful it is to love one another as true brothers and sisters. How beautiful! Let's do something today. We may all have likes and dislikes; many of us are perhaps a little angry with someone; then let us say to the Lord: 'Lord, I am angry with this or that person; I am praying to you for him or her.' To pray for those with whom we are angry is a beautiful step towards that law of love. Shall we take it? Let's take it today!"

# Daily decision for action:

What else is there to say? Other than to repeat Pope Francis's call to take a 'beautiful step towards that law of love." Shall we take it? Today? Together?

# Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

For the Church and its members, may our faith grow strong and may our love keep us all together in Christ.

For those who are unhoused, may our efforts and the efforts of the Christian community help them find stable shelter and safety.

For love and peace in our homes and in our families and the homes of families all over the world.

For all of us, that we will love each other and build a strong community as brothers and sisters.

### 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.