



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:

God's love is for everyone!

Daily reflection:

(New Year/ Jubilee Year)

As we celebrate a Jubilee Year focused on Justice, Pope Francis just launched a universal Year of Jubilee for the whole Church. On Christmas Eve, he pushed open the Holy Door on St. Peter's Basilica. This door will remain open for the entire year – open to the whole world. The only other Holy Door that Pope Francis will formally open this year is at the chapel of Rebibbia prison in Rome.

God's love is for everyone. Even those who are in prison.

Daily decision for action...

We have committed ourselves to a year of Jubilee, a year of focusing on justice. Are there doors in our world, our society that need to be opened this year? Doors that need to stay open?

Are there doors in our hearts that need to be opened?

This New Year's Day, let's take a look around at some of those doors and work to get them open.

Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

For the Church as we celebrate these days of joy, may we also be people of peace.

For all nations in the world, for an end to conflict and suffering.

For everyone who has lost a loved one this past year, may the peace and love of Christ rest in their hearts.

For all of us, that we will be sources of light and love to those who endure hardship.

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!