



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 welcome migrants, refugees, & asylum seekers.

Daily reflection:

(Pope Francis)

This past August, Pope Francis said, “I would like to pause with you to think about the people who are crossing seas and deserts to reach a land where they can live in peace and safety... Today’s migratory routes are often marked by crossings of seas and deserts, which for many, too many people are deadly... Dear brothers and sisters, let us join our hearts and forces, so that the seas and deserts are not cemeteries, but spaces where God may open up roads to freedom and fraternity.”

Daily decision for action...

Pope Francis encourages us to pray for migrants. But, as always, he challenges us to do something about it, “Do you pray for migrants, for those who come to our lands to save their lives? And then ‘you’ want to send them away...?”

Let us pray for migrants. But let us also do something; let’s contact those who represent our voices in government and ask them to enact policies that respect the lives and dignity of those who seek a better, safer life.

Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

For Christians everywhere, that we might find light, peace, and hope so we can be a star to guide people to Christ.

For a swift end to all war and conflict, and for safety for all who flee violence.

For those who are threatened by rulers of nations, may they find a path of safety and a place to call home.

For all who are unhoused and anyone who suffers the effects of severe weather, may they find safety and warmth.

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!