



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 have to get ready for God's kingdom!

Daily reflection:

Today, we observe the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – our blessed mother, Mary, came into this world in a state of grace. Later this week, we will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe.

During Advent, the celebrations of Mary, mother of our Lord, give us a chance to reflect on God's Kingdom as both "here" and "not yet". Mary awaited the imminent coming of the Kingdom in her son, yet points us toward the fulfilment of the Kingdom – both "here" and "not yet".

Daily decision for action...

Let us take a moment to remember this woman, who entered our world so close to God that she could not help but say "yes" to giving her entire life to the coming of the Kingdom. We pray that we might share in that grace and open ourselves to the coming of the God's Kingdom.

Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

For Pope Francis and all Church leaders, that they will be true shepherds of God's flock.

For those who speak out against injustice and prejudice, that their voices be heard.

For those who live in places of violence or oppression, that God's peace will triumph around them.

For us, that we will be ready for God's kingdom by living in love and peace with each other.

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!