



*do justice • love tenderly • walk humbly with God* Micah 6:8

**January 15, 2025**

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:**

**Migrants have human rights and dignity**

**Daily reflection:**

*(from the life of St. Frances Cabrini)*

As we reflect on how we welcome and assist people who migrate, we remember St. Frances Cabrini. Francesca Cabrini was born in Italy; when she was young, she knew that God was calling her to be a nun and to be a missionary. She asked Pope Leo XIII (who launched modern Catholic Social teaching with *Rerum Novarum*) if she could go to China with the Sisters in her new Order.

Pope Leo told her that there were so many immigrants in the United States who were struggling that he wanted her to go there and serve the immigrants in the U.S.

She fought the people in power who were oppressing immigrants. She helped build schools and hospitals for immigrants in New York, Chicago, Colorado, and even in South America

**Daily call to action:**

Mother Cabrini is the patron saint of immigrants. Let us pray today for her courage and dedication, so that we might follow her example and bring God's love to those who seek a new life.

**Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:**

For the pope and all Church leaders, that they will bring the love of God to all nations.

For people in poor countries, that leaders around the world will offer resources and assistance.

For everyone who has left their home to start a new life, that they will find the welcoming love of God in the people they encounter.

For our community, that we will always celebrate our many cultures and know that while we are many, we are also one.

**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.**