



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

**January 16, 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:**

(Vincent DePaul, Trailblazer; Bernard Pujo)

In 1652 a civil war raged through the provinces of the kingdom of France, drawing misery and destruction in its wake. In despair, after the failure of his attempt at mediation, Saint Vincent made an astonishing resolve; he wrote to the Pope to intervene for “persons tormented by civil war, villages, towns and cities are ruined, burned, and the people are almost without sacraments or any spiritual comfort.”

**Daily call to action:**

Sometimes it takes a desperate situation to urge us into action. Vincent DePaul was a man who would rather be in the background doing charitable works. But he knew deep in his bones that this was a time to deploy his “relational” resources to change the trajectory of the evil that was taking over his people. He did not hesitate; he acted for a just solution to a complex political situation.

Let us resolve today to be charitable to those in need and to take the long road of working for justice.

**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.**