



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

**January 28, 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:**

**God made the Earth for all of us to share!**

**Daily reflection:**

*(from Populorum Progressio, The Development of Peoples)*

Pope Paul VI wrote to the people of the whole world that we all need to share what God gave us and help people who live in poverty. He reminded us of Jesus' words, "If someone who has the riches of this world sees his brother in need and closes his heart to him, how does the love of God abide in him?"

Pope Paul further said, "God intended the earth and all that it contains for the use of every human being and people."

**Daily call to action:**

Sometimes we all become greedy and try to hoard things for ourselves; but we know that God wants us to share things with others. The United States is a wealthy nation, and we know that deprivation in other countries drives migration. Yet we, as a nation, often hoard our resources.

We pray today that we will always be generous, and that our nation will work to relieve the suffering of people in other countries around the world.

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

For leaders of all countries, that they will stop all wars and civil fighting and instead work to share the world's resources.

For migrant families, that they will find good jobs and safe places to live.

For the people in our city, that we will all respect each other and work together to build a strong community.

For our families and our friends, that we will share with each other and take care of what God has given to us.

For all of us, that we will continue to be generous to those around us.

**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.**