



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:

“Clear out the old yeast.”

Daily reflection:

(1 Corinthians 5:6b-8)

On Easter Sunday morning, we hear from St. Paul’s 1st letter to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?

Clear out the old yeast,

so that you may become a fresh batch of dough,

inasmuch as you are unleavened.

For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.

Therefore, let us celebrate the feast,

not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Paul says that because of the paschal sacrifice, we must celebrate the feast. He connects his message to the Passover practice of removing leaven from the home. Malice and wickedness do indeed infect and destroy everything around them. We must clear out malice and wickedness so that we might *all* be able to share in the feast.

Daily call to action:

Let us pray today that we might act in sincerity and truth, rid ourselves and the world around us of hatred and evil, so that everyone will be able to take part in the feast that God intends for all.

Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

For all who are leaders in the Church, may they live in sincerity and truth, rejecting hatred and promoting the love of Christ.

For all countries, may they share resources so that people everywhere have food.

For people in our own city who experience food insecurity; that God’s love will inspire us to help them and to find solutions to the problem of hunger.

For each of us, that we will rid ourselves of old leaven that spreads harm 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.