



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

**January 30, 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:**

*(Sister Marguerite Naseau, First Daughter of Charity)*

In 1630 Marguerite Naseau was just a poor, uneducated cowherd in a rural area of France. Moved by a powerful inspiration from heaven, and the encouragement of Vincent DePaul, the idea came to her to teach young people in her village how to read. She knew that education was a powerful way to share the *gift of knowledge* in the struggle against the poverty of her time. She gathered other women she had instructed to join her and they went “on mission” to small villages in the area. The amazing thing is that she undertook all this with no money or any other assistance except Divine Providence. This was the foundation of the Daughters of Charity.

**Daily call to action:**

We often hesitate to take action on issues of social concern for fear of being “out there” with our beliefs. We may even hesitate to trust a powerful inspiration from God. Today, like simple Marguerite, trust your intuition regarding how you can **SHARE** the gifts of the earth whether it be by a donation, a time of volunteering – anything that “sends you on mission” for the common good that we all desire.

**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.**