



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

**April 8, 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:**

**Everyone needs food to survive**

**Daily reflection:**

(USCCB: "[\*For I Was Hungry & You Gave Me Food\*](#)")

In their pastoral reflection from 2003, the U.S. Bishops address food insecurity:

*"In light of our commitment to the right to life of every person, we believe all people also have basic rights to material and spiritual support, including the right to food, which are required to sustain life and to live a truly human existence. This clear commitment to the dignity and value of every human life must be reflected both in individual choices and actions and in the policies and structures of society."*

Because food is a necessity for human life, the bishops tell us, "*Food sustains life itself; it is not just another product. Providing food for all is a Gospel imperative, not just another policy choice.*"

**Daily call to action:**

As children of God, we believe that every human life has dignity and that we must respect and protect that dignity in each person. When people are without food and safe water, we are failing in our duty to respect and protect human life and dignity. Let us pray today for the wisdom to recognize the systems and policies that prevent people in our cities and around the world from having adequate food and safe water. Let us pray for the grace and strength to make a difference.

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

That the Church will promote fair distribution of food resources between countries. For countries facing famine, disease, hunger, or any other disaster; that the people of the world will work together to bring relief.

For people in our own city who experience food insecurity; that God's love will inspire us to help them.

For all of us, that we will advocate for policies that ensure that no one goes hungry.

**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.**