



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:

Migrants have human rights and dignity

Daily reflection:

(Pope Francis: Message for World Day for Migrants and Refugees, 2014)

Pope Francis tells us that we have to welcome other people. He reminds us that, “large numbers of people are leaving their homelands, with a suitcase full of fears and desires, to undertake a hopeful and dangerous trip” to find a new home. He says, “The Church opens her arms to welcome all people, without distinction or limits, in order to proclaim that ‘God is love.’”

Daily call to action:

Do we have any fears or desires in the ‘suitcase’ of our hearts? All of us travel through our lives and we carry hope... and fear... and love... and sadness. Let’s do what Pope Francis asks; let’s open our arms to each other and proclaim that “God is love!”

Go ahead, tell the people around you, “GOD IS LOVE!” Tell that to your family and friends this weekend, too.

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.