



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:

We must welcome migrants, refugees, & asylum seekers.

Daily reflection:

(Epiphany/ Exodus 22:21)

On January 6th, the traditional Feast of the Epiphany – the 12th day of Christmas – Christians all over the world celebrate the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem. After the Magi left, an angel appeared to Joseph and told him to take his family and flee to Egypt because their lives were in danger.

As the Holy Family had to flee, their ancestors had to dwell in foreign lands in Egypt and Babylon. We call to mind God’s exhortation in the book of Exodus to the people:

“You shall not oppress or afflict a resident alien, for you were once aliens residing in the land of Egypt.”

Daily decision for action...

We know that people are fleeing their homes with their families every day. There are nations and organizations that oppress people all over the world.

As Christians, we cannot also be oppressors. What can we do now, here in our own city to bring comfort, love, and welcome to those looking for home and safety?

Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

For Christians everywhere, that we might find light, peace, and hope so we can be a star to guide people to Christ.

For a swift end to all war and conflict, and for safety for all who flee violence.

For those who are threatened by rulers of nations, may they find a path of safety and a place to call home.

For all who are unhoused and anyone who suffers the effects of severe weather, may they find safety and warmth.

Blessing: *(the prayer of Aaron upon the people: 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!