

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:

Everyone needs food to survive

Daily reflection:

(Vincentian Connection)

We can neither survive nor thrive without food, because we are an "incarnated" people. God made us this way. Vincent DePaul and Louse de Marillac were keenly aware of this; they believed that our bodies are the vessels God gave us to bring Christ to the world. Thus, they spent their time, energy and resources feeding people soup and bread, however, they also shared the abundance of God's Word at the same time. This is nourishment that lasts longer than bread or soup. We continue this effort today...

Daily call to action:

We honor the distinctive human dignity of every person by supporting local food drives, donating to worldwide relief efforts where natural disasters have taken their toll, and also by praying for those who wander the streets in the midst of war zones. We are challenged to take action to relieve both physical hunger as well as the innate thirst for God's mercy.

May we have the courage to offer both to our brothers and sisters in creative ways. How will we respond?

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.