



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 should be treated fairly!

Daily reflection:

(Welcoming Christ in Refugees and Forcibly Displaced Persons, #61)

Refugees should be treated on the same level as citizens of the hosting country, or at least on the same level as other resident foreigners. They should be entitled to the rights which are ensured to them. These include freedom of movement and the right to work... Families should enjoy personal and family privacy, and the possibility for family reunification in the country of asylum; earn a dignified livelihood with a just wage, live in dwellings fit for human beings; while their children should receive adequate education, as well as health care.

The Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People issued this statement in 2013. It calls Christians and world leaders to recognize the human dignity of those who are searching for safety and security. While respecting the rights of nations, the point of reference is always the person.

Daily call to action:

We live in difficult and complex times. The rule of law must be upheld fairly, yet the dignity of individuals must be respected.

We should question whether our laws are in fact just. If not, how do we make our voices heard? Those who legislate in our names need to hear our voices.

Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

That leaders around the world, in our country, and in our own city will treat all people fairly.

For migrant families, that they will find good jobs and safe places to live.

For an end to war, racism, and discrimination.

For all of us, that we will recognize and appreciate each other's gifts and talents.

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.