

Do You Hear the Cry for Justice?

“ Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. . . . ‘The Church, guided by the Gospel of mercy and by love for mankind, hears the cry for justice and intends to respond to it with all her might’ [Libertatis Nuntius]. In this context we can understand Jesus’ command to his disciples: ‘You yourselves give them something to eat!’ (Mk 6:37): it means working to eliminate the structural causes of poverty and to promote the integral development of the poor, as well as small daily acts of solidarity in meeting the real needs which we encounter (*Evangelii Gaudium*, nos. 187-188). ”



Challenge:

How are you opening your heart to hear “the cry for justice”? Use the Newspaper Prayer to open your heart to hear this cry and discern how you can respond to the needs of those in your community and in the world.

Newspaper Prayer:

Look through a print or online newspaper to find a news article about an issue that affects your community or the world. Cut out (or print out) the article and bring it with you to a quiet place where you can pray. Think about how human dignity is affected by the issue or situation. Pray for God’s healing and transformation for all people impacted, lawmakers, and others. Ask God how he is asking you to respond to this issue.