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John 17:21

As we remember our day of fasting and prayer on Sunday, February 11, 2018. We pause, reflect, and pray, that God will “**guide our feet into the way of peace.**”

Contemplative Pause: Weaving Acts of Peace

Reflection

“I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10)
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Sharing in the kingdom depends on our effort to alleviate the various forms of poverty in the world. Poverty is not good; it is not blessed; it is not a virtue. Poverty is a clear indication that the kingdom of God has not yet come. Voluntary poverty becomes a way of sharing with the poor, a means of giving up whatever gives us security. This poverty is more than merely giving up. It is a way of giving! If we justify our ways and behavior we will not appreciate the invitation to change. We will not understand that everyone has a right to enough of the earth’s resources: to sufficient water, energy, food, clothing, health, a safe environment and peace. This beatitude invites us to bear a lighter “footprint” on the world that we inhabit. Are we ready to take seriously the call of Jesus: “Change your lives; enter into the reign of God and receive the gifts that help you walk in the way of peace so that ALL MAY BE ONE in holiness, justice and freedom. (Paraphrased from Bishop Gumbleton)

Prayer

Blessed are those who

- ❖ Reflect on their ways and attitudes
- ❖ Work with others to overcome the fears and controls of society
- ❖ Recognize they will not change (either themselves or the world) by themselves
- ❖ Trust that “our heavenly Father knows all that we need. Therefore seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be given to us.” (Matthew)

Extra Step: Step out of your routine into sacred space.

