

HUMAN RIGHTS

Practiced & Violated?

Human Rights for All



SYMBOL: In the center, the Paschal candle, representing Jesus Christ, the true defender of human rights, and the one who give us the highest dignity.

Images of human rights defenders from different countries are placed around the candle. For example: MARTIN LUTHER KING, MAHATMA GANDHI, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, FRAY BARTOLOME DE LAS CASAS, NELSON MANDELA and SAINT PEDRO CLAVER among others. Each person is invited to take one of the pictures in their hands and observe it.

Silent reflection.

With background music, all are invited to form a cross with the different images, to remind us of the sacrifices made in the defense of human rights. Each person is invited to say word about human rights violations happening today as they create the cross.

Education
Love
Name
Understanding
Nationality
Food



Family
Shelter
Recreation
Healthcare
Protection

SONG: <https://youtu.be/0o3ucVc-lxs> (Spanish) or one of the group's choice that refers to the violation of human rights.

BIBLE VERSES: These can be proclaimed by different people

PROVERBS 31:8-9

Open your mouth on behalf of the mute, and for the rights of the destitute; Open your mouth, judge justly, defend the needy and the poor!

ISAIAH 10:1-2

Ah! Those who enact unjust statutes, who write oppressive decrees, depriving the needy of judgment, robbing my people's poor of justice, making widows their plunder, and orphans their prey!

ISAIAH 1:17

Learn to do good. Make justice your aim: redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow.

HEBREWS 1:9

You loved justice and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions

Prayerful reflection.

We invite you to share what resonates with you of these Words of God and what touched your heart, and bring this into the common space.

Questions for personal reflection:

1. According to your perception, which human rights are currently being violated?
2. What do you think would be the solution for the practice and enjoyment of Human Rights today?
3. Have your rights ever been violated? Tell us about your experience.

We end with a personal and group commitment to work for Human Rights

SONG: "Color esperanza" or another song, chosen by the group.



FINAL PRAYER:

Mother and Father God, you are the author of life, of goodness, love and peace. Come and help us live in harmony and solidarity. Teach us to change our selfishness into a heart like yours, of open doors.

Teach us to recognize each other as brothers and sisters, entitled to all the rights of each human being, because we were created in your image.

Help us to see You in each of them, valuing them and respecting them to make a more human world, where justice and peace dwell.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer prepared by the team of the Province of Colombo Venezolana and Cuba