

## Live! Love! Walk! – The Social Justice Imperative

*“This is what your God asks of you:  
To live justly, to love tenderly, to walk humbly  
with your God” (Micah)*

*“Love and Justice bind us together”.  
- Mary Euphrasia*



### *An invitation to Reflection and Prayer on Social Justice*

We talk about Justice in all sorts of ways. We expect justice in our societies in all sorts of ways. “She deserves justice...”; “It’s not fair...” “I want them to face justice.” “Where’s the Justice in that?”

Understanding justice is one thing; actually *living* justly takes much more commitment and energy than talking about it. And it can be a very rocky, desolate road.

**Activity:** Over a few days listen to radio or TV news, or read the newspaper. Listen to or read commentary on the social issues that are evident in your society right now. Is there a trend in what you see, hear or read? Notice how many times you can identify the way Justice is talked about.

Bring your stories to a time of sharing with your community, colleagues or family.

### **Reflection:**

How do I live justly? Each day, each week...?  
How do I love justly? What is important to me in loving Justice?  
How do I walk justly? Who do I accompany or “walk with” those who need justice, compassion and love? How do I tread gently on this earth in a loving and just way?  
Share examples from your reflection.

What blocks me or impedes my living, loving, and walking justly?  
How can I remove that block? What help do I need?

Who or what are the inspirations for me in living justly?  
What is it about this person or activity that inspires me to live, love and walk justly?

If you were to “do” something about the current social issue, what would it be?  
Name the issue. How would you do this? What’s stopping you?

Draw the threads of your sharing together – weave them into a word pattern on a piece of paper.  
Take quiet time to reflect on the word pattern.  
Let us be united in the call to live, love and walk justly.

**Gathering Prayer:** O God of Justice, through your Son, Jesus, you have given us a beautiful example of Love and Justice in action. As we identify the social issues most affecting those we serve and care for may we draw strength, courage and energy from the Witness of Jesus, to work towards a more just and loving society. May the witness and spirit of so many who have died in the pursuit of justice be a guiding light for us all. Amen

