



Sisters of Christian Charity JPIC Office - December 2021

PRAY

Advent Reflection Guides / Calendars

A Time of Hope and Healing -

Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns

https://maryknollogc.org/files/attachments/advent_guide_english_2021.1.pdf



Another World is Possible -

Sisters of Charity of Convent Station <https://default.salsalabs.org/T50ba1c1f-b74d-4d1c-8322-e3036b355d28/1aa3eac4-8587-437c-a046-b0b9e4fe02bf>

Meditations Celebrating the Gifts of Advent - Franciscan Media

<https://email.franciscanmedia.org/e3t/Btc/48+22809/c2Zy004/VWLBjF8K9H4MW3-6Z6r79QlkmW7-75Mp4zX8wnN4bXfJm3q2SGV1-WJV7CgQWsW4mqzcf2YvxMMW3vCFKN6Ns98KF1pnnjX6qsbW61KX6t3vF5mQW146qvr8tir6>

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We Remember Sisters Ita Ford, Maura Clarke, Dorothy Kazel and Lay Missionary Jean Donovan - December 2

[https://educationforjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2014-11-01-Prayer-for-the-US - Women-of-Faith-Murdered-in-El-Salvador.pdf](https://educationforjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2014-11-01-Prayer-for-the-US-Women-of-Faith-Murdered-in-El-Salvador.pdf)

Prayer for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception - December 8

<https://educationforjustice.org/wp-content>

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe - December 12



Let us pray that Mary, who stands with the marginalized, will teach us how to care for our sisters and brothers who are suffering from injustice, violence and climate disasters in our southern hemisphere.

https://educationforjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Prayer_Feast-of-Our-Lady-of-Guadalupe.pdf

Prayer for Migrants - International Migrants Day - Dec. 20

Let us pray that the day will come when all migrants will find the welcome and safety they seek in a community that honors their dignity as children of God.

https://educationforjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Prayer-for-Migrants_0.pdf

LEARN

Human Rights Day - December 10

We are called to solidarity to build a new creation so ALL people will be respected and cared for as Pope Francis reminds us in Fratelli Tutti. How do human rights intersect with Catholic social teaching? How does climate change impact human rights? Watch this short TED talk by Mary Robinson. <https://youtu.be/7JVTirBEfho>

Results of COP 26 Climate Summit in Glasgow, Scotland

- **World leaders at the U.N. climate summit agreed on a new climate change agreement.** But they [couldn't agree on everything](#): (NPR News Report)
- **Pledges from all the nations combined are still not enough** to limit warming within the crucial 1.5 degrees Celsius.
- **Countries have agreed to "revisit and strengthen"** their climate plans by 2022.
- **Developing countries, which suffer the most yet cause the least damage to the climate,** will not receive compensation.
- **Richer nations fell short** of their goal to raise \$100 billion towards helping vulnerable nations

ACT

Immigration Reform Reflecting Gospel Values

What did Jesus mean when he said: **“I was a stranger and you took me in”**? How do we answer that question today? We might be tempted to think that we can’t do anything about the present immigration system so desperately in need of reform, but we can advocate for a more just system that reflects Gospel values. Here’s how: **Ask your members of Congress to support comprehensive immigration reform that will include:**

- expanded access to citizenship for DACA recipients
- the protection of human rights for asylum seekers
- reform of the refugee resettlement program
- prioritizing family unity and alternatives to detention
- Addressing root causes of immigration

<https://bit.ly/ImmReformMOGC> (Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns)

“Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited. But because he cannot be at home in it, because he is out of place in it, and yet he must be in it, his place is with those others for whom there is no room. His place is with those who do not belong, who are rejected by power because they are regarded as weak, those who are discredited, who are denied the status of persons, tortured, exterminated. With those for whom there is no room, Christ is present in this world. He is mysteriously present in those for whom there seems to be nothing but the world at its worst.”

Thomas Merton: “The Time of the End Is the Time of No Room” (Raids on the Unspeakable)



The Work of Christmas

***When the carols have been stilled,
When the star-topped tree is taken down,
When family and friends are gone home,
When we are back to our schedules***

The work of Christmas begins:

***To welcome the refugee,
To heal a broken planet,
To feed the hungry,
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
To share our gifts,
To seek justice and peace for all people,
To bring Christ's light to the world.***

--Michael Dougherty

