

Praying for . . . Those Seeking Justice

Gracious God,

Grant us a world of hope, as your love would guide us:

A world where hatred is replaced with love.

A world where different races and cultures open their hearts to find the riches of inclusion and the tenderness of diversity that dwells among them.

A world where peace is built with justice and justice is guided by your love.

A world where the beauty and wonder of God's creation can be shared by all.

Gracious God, grant us the wisdom and the courage to help bring about a world with a future full of hope.

"Only to do justice and to love goodness and to walk humbly with your God." – Micah 6:8

– **Sisters Margery Kundar and Donna Cronauer**

Reflection for February

In the 1960s, our Sisters joined the front lines with the NAACP and other groups to advocate for civil rights; they marched on the streets of Pittsburgh promoting fair housing and employment and protesting war and poverty.

In the city's Hill District neighborhood, they educated generations of students at St. Richard School, and later at St. Benedict the Moor. They were instrumental in organizing Project Understanding, a series of public discussions on race relations.

Today, our Sisters continue to advocate for justice, nonviolence and inclusion with their voices, their presence and their prayers. Often partnering with organizations with similar values, we are at the forefront of critical concerns related to immigration, human trafficking, health care, climate change, environmental sustainability, gun violence, food insecurity, and discrimination.

In 2018, the Congregation made a commitment to educate themselves and others about racism, to engage with those with diverse cultures and ethnic backgrounds, and to work to dismantle structures of privilege.

