

<p>Jesus welcomes all and shows us how to treat ourselves, others and the earth fairly</p>	<p>May you come to realize what that word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life. Let yourself be transformed. Let yourself be renewed by the Spirit, so that this can happen, lest you fail in your precious mission. The Lord will bring it to fulfilment despite your mistakes and missteps provided that you do not abandon the path of love.</p>
<p>We treat each other and the earth with justice, to share our love and experience forgiveness, mercy and healing</p>	<p>“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you” (6:36-38). Luke then adds something not to be overlooked: “The measure you give will be the measure you get back” (6:38). The yardstick we use for understanding and forgiving others will measure the forgiveness we receive. The yardstick we use for giving will measure what we receive.</p>
<p>God's justice inspires us all to protect and transform the world</p>	<p>The Beatitudes are like a Christian's identity card. So if anyone asks: “What must one do to be a good Christian?”, the answer is clear. We have to do, each in our own way, what Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount.^[66] In the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives.</p>
<p>We are called to be people of justice in our communities and in our own personal lives</p>	<p>We need a spirit of holiness capable of filling both our solitude and our service, our personal life and our evangelizing efforts, so that every moment can be an expression of self-sacrificing love in the Lord's eyes. In this way, every minute of our lives can be a step along the path to growth in holiness.</p>
<p>Justice is understood in relation to others. It requires us to understand the dignity and rights of others</p>	<p>If I encounter a person sleeping outdoors on a cold night, I can view him or her as an annoyance, an idler, an obstacle in my path, a troubling sight, a problem for politicians to sort out, or even a piece of refuse cluttering a public space. Or I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own</p>
<p>God trusts us to live lives of justice, and we build trust with others through our integrity in personal and social relationships</p>	<p>Look at Jesus. His deep compassion reached out to others. It did not make him hesitant, timid or self-conscious, as often happens with us. Quite the opposite. His compassion made him go out actively to preach and to send others on a mission of healing and liberation. Let us acknowledge our weakness, but allow Jesus to lay hold of it and send us too on mission.</p>
<p>God's justice requires a deep understanding of restorative love and a real desire to change and to challenge unfair practices</p>	<p>The bishops of Canada made this clear when they noted, for example, that the biblical understanding of the jubilee year was about more than simply performing certain good works. It also meant seeking social change: “For later generations to also be released, clearly the goal had to be the restoration of just social and economic systems, so there could no longer be exclusion</p>
<p>We are asked to imagine what God's justice looks like and to work towards a society and structures that make it happen</p>	<p>The powerful witness of the saints is revealed in their lives, shaped by the Beatitudes and the criterion of the final judgement. Jesus' words are few and straightforward, yet practical and valid for everyone, for Christianity is meant above all to be put into practice. It can also be an object of study and reflection, but only to help us better live the Gospel in our daily lives.</p>