

Promulgation of our Corporate Stand Against Human Trafficking
October 14, 2008
Help us protect the rights of all who have been victimized. May they and their families be protected from harm; may they be granted freedom from oppressors; and may they be granted full recognition of the dignity which is theirs.
--From the Closing Blessing by Cardinal Justin Rigali,
Archbishop of Philadelphia

REFLECTIVE READING / SHARING

See handout of readings and reflection questions

CLOSING PRAYER - USCCB - Justice for Immigrants

- Leader:** Come, O Holy Spirit!
Come, open us to the wonder, beauty, and dignity of the diversity found in each culture, in each face, and in each experience of the other among us.
- All:** Come, fill us with generosity as we are challenged to let go and allow others to share with us the goods and beauty of Earth.
- Leader:** Come, heal the divisions that keep us from seeing the face of Christ in all men, women, and children.
- All:** Come, free us to stand with and for those who must leave their own lands in order to find work, security, and welcome in a new land--one that has enough to share.
- Leader:** Come, bring us understanding, inspiration, wisdom, and the courage needed to embrace change and stay on the journey.
- All:** Come, O Holy Spirit, show us the way.

CONCLUDING BLESSING - Norman C. Habel

- Leader:** Creator, source of living waters,
- All:** Come, baptize our planet; make it wet with blessing.

Sprinkling of globe

- Leader:** Creator, living water among us,
- All:** Come, heal us with water in body, mind, and heart.

Sprinkling of gathered community

- Leader:** Spirit, bring waters on the wind,
- All:** Come, blow through our lives and refresh our spirits each day.

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Whether it is advocating for victims of human trafficking, undocumented immigrants, or Earth herself, my ministry as Justice Coordinator is a rich and meaningful one. What a privilege it is to spend our charism to enhance life for so many "dear neighbors," and how exciting it is to know that we are doing this together!"
--Mary Beth Hamm SSJ, Justice Coordinator 2006 -

