



ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Friends In Faith

MEETING AND PRAYER GUIDE

Week of March 19, 2024

Solemnity of Pentecost

SUFFERING

Episode 2:

“Justice and Suffering”

PRAYER FROM APOLLO 8 FOR UNIVERSAL JUSTICE

*Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your love in
the world in spite of human failure.*

*Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite of our
ignorance and weakness.*

*Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray
with understanding hearts.*

*And show us what each one of us can do to set forward
the coming of the day of universal peace.*

- Frank Borman

SCRIPTURE

“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

LINK TO THE VIDEO REFLECTION

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7wsackAdKY>

At the bottom of the YouTube video screen, click “CC” for close captioning.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Discuss your personal experiences with the reality of evil.
2. Share examples where you feel God blessed you in times of trouble.
3. Read and discuss Galatians 6:7-9 ([CLICK HERE](#)).

PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE FROM EVIL

Immaculate Heart! Help us to conquer the menace of evil, which so easily takes root in the hearts of the people of today, and whose immeasurable effects already weigh down upon our modern world and seem to block the paths towards the future!

*From famine and war,
deliver us.*

*From sins against the life of man from its very beginning,
deliver us.*

*From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity of the children of God,
deliver us.*

*From every kind of injustice in the life of society, both national and international,
deliver us.*

*From readiness to trample on the commandments of God,
deliver us.*

*From attempts to stifle in human hearts the very truth of God,
deliver us.*

*From the loss of awareness of good and evil,
deliver us.*

*From sins against the Holy Spirit,
deliver us.*

Accept, O Mother of Christ, this cry laden with the sufferings of all individual human beings, laden with the sufferings of whole societies.

For what else shall we pray? [Spontaneous prayers are welcome.]

*For these spoken prayers and those we hold in our hearts,
we ask that they be granted in accordance with God's Will,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

RECOMMENDED LISTENING

Every day, priests at St. Philip The Apostle parish dispense spirituality and wisdom in homilies offered at Mass. *Your Daily Homily* podcast has been archiving these homilies for anyone interested in furthering engagement with their faith. Listen to hundreds of homilies for free at *Your Daily Homily* on Spotify or Apple Podcast.

“God’s Justice”

(March 26, 2024; 8 mins)

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