



*“Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.”
(Psalm 85:11)*

Dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,

We can start each day with this wisdom. We can write upon our hearts that kindness makes a difference, that treating each other with justice and peace may feel difficult until we consider that we can actively use our life to influence the world, one person at a time. We can make a difference with an understanding that if we just get out of our own way, God’s light can illuminate our path, no matter where we are headed. God’s love given to us unconditionally can actively be shared with everyone, no matter what others believe, no matter where others reside, no matter what color their skin may be, no matter what beliefs they carry. Our kindness shared does make a difference.

The world is littered with confusion, mistrust, divisions, and misunderstandings. Why not use your intellect, your compassion, your capacity to understand, your empathy, your belief in God’s love and forgiveness to help someone else see the world differently? Why not use your intelligence to combat hatred, contempt, misgivings, and mistrust to show everyone you meet that kindness and justice are possible? Why not actively use your life to mend divisions, to heal mistrust, to nurture forgiveness, to promote peace, and to save another from suffering? Why not use your God-given energy, blessings, and gifts to share God’s love with someone in trouble, someone who misunderstands justice, someone who suffers under the yoke of mistrust and fear?

Kindness, justice, compassion, and peace are blessings we can all choose to share. Amen.

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