

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
IPA Reflection October 17th, 2022



Sacred Space –

- A plate with fresh bread and a bowl of clean water and another plate With bread crumbs and a bowl of unclean water
- A Lantern/ an item to make Nano's presence felt.
- Nano's quote "**Spend Yourself for the Poor**"
- A Statement from the 7th IPA Assembly, "**The cry of Earth and people made Poor calls us to continue the mission of Jesus to bring forth a sustainable society founded on respect for Earth, universal human rights, economic justice, and a culture of peace.**"

Look at the Centre piece and let it speak to your Heart

Introduction: On October 17, 1987, at the invitation by Fr. Joseph Wresinski thousands of Human Rights defenders assembled in Paris to express their displeasure at extreme Poverty. They proclaimed that extreme poverty is a violation of human rights and demanded that together these rights being respected is our solemn duty." The call was for being **ALL TOGETHER IN DIGNITY**-(ATD Fourth World Movement.)

Theme for 17th October 2022 -Dignity for all in practice: the commitments we make together for social justice, peace, and the planet

Moments of stillness: Start with some minutes in stillness;

- ✚ Be aware of your thoughts and feeling and choose to let them go and rest in stillness.
- ✚ Become aware of the soft air you breathe;
- ✚ Be aware reflectively and recall your encounters with people living in extreme poverty.

We reflect on the value of voluntary poverty in our life choices at personal and community level.

Hymn – Bread Breaking (*CD - All is One- Kathy Sherman*) Or another hymn you may choose.

Bread of all-inclusive love, bread of love outpouring
Bread of animating love, Make us bread for all.
We are one, all is one, we are one, make us one for all.
Make us bread for all (4)
May we all be one (3) Make us one in you.

(Kathy Sherman's Album - All is One)

Quotes for Reflection (Pause after each quote)

1. “She, (Nano) began to restore personal dignity and worth to the poor”*from pg 178, Nano Nagle and an evolving charism, by Bernadette Flanagan, Mary O’Brien and Anne O’Leary*
2. The needs of the poor take priority over,
 - ✚ the desires of the rich
 - ✚ the rights of workers over the maximisation of profits
 - ✚ the preservation of the environment over the uncontrolled industrial expansion and
 - ✚ production to meet social needs over production for military purposes.– *St John Paul II in Toronto, 1984.*

Reading

Leave this Chanting

Leave this chanting and singing and telling of beads!
Whom dost thou worship in this lonely dark corner of a temple with doors all shut?
Open thine eyes and see thy God is not before thee!

He is there where the tiller is tilling the hard ground
and where the path-maker is breaking stones.
He is with them in sun and in shower,
and his garment is covered with dust.
Put off thy holy mantle and even like him come down on the dusty soil!

Deliverance?
Where is this deliverance to be found?
Our master himself has joyfully taken upon him the bonds of creation;
he is bound with us all forever.

Come out of thy meditations and leave aside thy flowers and incense!
What harm is there if thy clothes become tattered and stained?
Meet him and stand by him in toil and in sweat of thy brow.

Rabindranath Tagore - Gitanjali, a collection of 103 poems

We may pray for integration of our worship in the quite corners of our places of worship with joining the workplaces of the poor

Prayers to conclude

1. Creator God, enable us to know the dignity you have imprinted on us your children. May we strive for a dignified equality.

R/- Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

2. We pray that we may be a voice for those who lack necessities of life, enable us to share and also enable a fair share for every person with due dignity.

R/-

3. Christ our Lord, your light shines into the shadows, and shows us where the obstacles to change lie. We know that often they are in our own hearts, in the way we live, and in our daily choices and actions

R/-

Amen

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