



## Morning Announcements for Monthly Virtues: Cardinal Virtue of *Justice*

### Justice Week 1

#### Day 1: Justice and Love

This month, we will be reflecting on the virtue of Justice. Our theme today is, “Justice and Love.” A person who practices justice strives to love God and their neighbour. This means showing God our love by our worship, praise and thanksgiving for all God does for us. It also means showing our neighbour mercy and fairness, just as God shows us mercy and fairness. Let us walk today in justice with love for God and neighbour – thanking God for the many blessings He pours into our lives, and showing kindness toward our neighbour, who God loves in the same way He loves us.

Lord Jesus, help me to walk in justice today. Give me a thankful heart for your many blessings, and help me to show mercy and fairness to others today and every day  
I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

#### Day 2: Justice and Peace

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is, “Justice and Peace.” Justice and peace are like two sides of a coin. If we want to be at peace with others, we must practice justice, by treating them with mercy and fairness. If we want peace in our hearts, we must practice justice with God by our thanksgiving, worship and prayer to Him. Let us walk today in peace by practicing justice with our God and neighbour.

Lord Jesus, help me to walk in Your peace today: by my prayer of praise, thanksgiving and worship, and by showing mercy and fairness to my neighbour.  
I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

#### Day 3: Justice and Forgiveness

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is Justice and Forgiveness. Justice is about giving God our worship and giving our neighbour mercy and fairness. Forgiveness is part of the mercy that a just person shows to others. A forgiving person accepts another person’s apology. When this happens, the person asking for



forgiveness is set free. It allows them to grow from their mistakes and to move on in peace and try again. Let us practice justice today by saying “no” to revenge, and choosing the way of forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, you satisfied the Father’s justice and paid the price for my forgiveness by giving up your life for me on the cross. In your forgiveness, I am truly free! Give me the strength to practice justice by freeing others who seek my forgiveness today. I cannot do this alone, but with You by my side, and Your Holy Spirit in my heart, all things are possible. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

#### **Day 4: Justice and Prayer**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is Justice and Prayer. As followers of Jesus, we are called to practice justice with God. This means honouring God with our worship and prayer. A just person makes time to pray alone and with other people. Each time we pray – alone and together, especially at Sunday Mass – our friendship with God becomes stronger, and God’s strength helps us walk in justice with others.

Lord Jesus, I give you each beat of my heart as a prayer of love. Let me begin practicing justice in prayer – in the quiet of my heart, and with others – for there, I will find rest and joy, and the strength to practice justice. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

#### **Day 5: Justice and Helping Others**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is Justice and Helping Others. A just person shows mercy to their neighbour, especially to persons who need our help. Think of a little person who needs help opening the door or getting their boots on. Think of your parents or grandparents who need help around the house. Each time we help someone, we become more just, and make the world a more just place.

Lord Jesus, help me to see the needs of others with your eyes, and reach out to them with a helping hand when they need it today. Let me say “yes” to your call to justice in simple and loving ways. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.



## **Justice Week 2**

### **Day 1: Justice and Welcoming Others**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is Justice and Welcoming Others. A person who practices justice will welcome others. Justice tells us that all people of good will have a place in our society, in our churches and in our schools. Is there someone I can welcome today? Let us practice justice with hearts that are open doors of welcome to others who have a right to belong.

Lord Jesus, make my heart an open door of welcome to my neighbour. Help me to see You in each person around me today, and to treat them like they belong.

I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

### **Day 2: Justice and Protection**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is Justice and Protection. A Just person does not want to see other people get hurt. He or she will do what they can to protect someone who is in danger. We protect our little brothers and sisters from going out on the road in front of cars. Our parents protect us from the weather by dressing us warmly. We protect each other by saying “no” to bullying. Everyone deserves to be safe. A just person will help protect them.

Lord Jesus, give me the wisdom and courage of Your Holy Spirit to practice justice by protecting others who need it. Give me a heart that protects my younger brothers and sisters from danger. Help me to stand up for others who cannot protect themselves.

I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

### **Day 3: Justice and Sharing**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is Justice and Sharing. God is a just giver – He shares His gifts with us. We are just, like God, when we share our gifts with others. What is your gift? Is it a good voice? Are you a good cook? Are you a good organizer? Do you have a joyful heart? Are you a good reader? Do you like to lead others in prayer? Let us practice justice today by sharing the gifts God gives us to make the world a better place.



Lord Jesus, You shared Your life with us on the cross so that we could live together in Your friendship now and forever. Help me to share the gifts Your Father has given me with others, just as You have done for me.

I make this prayer in the power of Your most holy Name. Amen

#### **Day 4: Justice and Taking Care**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is Justice and taking care. A just person takes care of the gifts that have been given to them. A just person knows that taking care of their gifts will help others. We take care of our bodies so that we can grow and be the persons God wants us to be. We take care of our souls by making time for God in our life, so that we can be God's instruments of love for others. We take care of the environment so that it will be there to provide food and shelter for people even after we are gone. All our gifts are given to us to help others. Let us take care of ourselves, our friends and families and our world in small ways with great love.

Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gifts you have given me: For a heart and soul made for love, for the beautiful world made for all of us. Help me to be just by taking care of these gifts for your honour and glory today and every day.

I make this prayer in the power of Your most holy name. Amen.

#### **Day 5: Justice and Respect for Other Persons**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is Justice and Respect for Other Persons. A just person respects other persons. He or she treats others as a son or daughter of God. A just person also respects the wisdom of their elders, parents, educators and Godly people. Let us walk in justice today by respecting one another as children of God and honouring our elders and the wisdom of their Godly words and example.

Lord Jesus, open my eyes to see you in everyone. Open my heart to respect and welcome them as You respect and welcome them. Open my mind to receive and follow the wisdom of my elders, parents, educators and Godly people in my life today and every day. Help me to walk with you with justice and respect for others always.

I make this prayer in the power of Your most holy name. Amen.



### **Justice Week 3**

#### **Day 1: Justice and Saying “No” to Inappropriate Behaviour**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is, Justice and Saying “No” to Inappropriate Behaviour. A just person acts justly and sets a good example for others. They know that their words and actions will affect others. A just person says “yes” to positive actions and words that are helpful, kind and encouraging. A just person says “no” to words and actions that are inappropriate or hurtful to others. Let us ask God to help us walk in justice today by saying “yes” to words and actions that are helpful and kind, and “no” to those that hurt our neighbour.

Lord Jesus, help me to walk as a just person today with the words and actions of the disciple you call me to be. Help me up when I make mistakes and give me the strength to treat others as You would treat them. I make this prayer in Your most holy name. Amen.

#### **Day 2: Justice and Gratitude**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is, Justice and Gratitude. Gratitude is about being thankful. A just person gives God their praise and worship in gratitude for God’s many blessings. Even when things are going badly, we can still find reasons to praise and worship God. Did you wake up this morning? Do you have food to eat? Are you healthy? Do you have someone taking care of you? Do you have a home? Do you have shoes and clothing? Do you have a school where you can go to learn for free? In justice, we give God our gratitude for these and many other blessings each day.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the blessings of this life. I know that they are only a small part of the blessings You wish to give me in this life and in the next. In justice, I give you my gratitude. Help me to walk in gratitude for Your goodness to me each day.

I make this prayer in Your most holy name. Amen.

#### **Day 3: Justice and Sharing With the Hungry**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is, Justice and Sharing With the Hungry. God calls us to practice justice by sharing what we have with others who are hungry. There are many people who do not have enough food to eat, and in our schools, we practice justice by helping them through our food banks. But there are many



people who are hungry for friendship, for acceptance, for someone to talk to them. Let us practice justice by sharing the food of friendship, acceptance and kind words with our neighbour who is hungry for these things.

Lord Jesus, help me to see You in every person who is hungry for food, friendship or help. Show me what I can do to act justly toward them, and give me the courage to do what is right. I make this prayer in Your most holy name. Amen.

**Day 4: Justice and Being a Good Steward**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is, Justice and Being a Good Steward. Being a good steward means using wisely the gifts that are given to us. A just person uses their gifts to serve God and neighbour in the best way possible. We have gifts of knowledge and understanding that grow as we learn to be responsible citizens. We have gifts and talents that we can develop to be of service to others. We have the gifts of our school community and our environment; we care for these so that everyone can enjoy them today and tomorrow. A just person honours God, the Giver of all gifts, by being a good steward of the gifts God has given them.

Lord Jesus, everything I have is Your gift to help me grow in holiness and love for my neighbour. Give me the wisdom and courage of Your Holy Spirit to practice justice by being a good steward in all things. I make this prayer in Your most holy name. Amen.

**Day 5: Justice and Using Money Wisely**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is, Justice and Using Money Wisely. A just person uses money wisely. They never make money more important than worshipping God; they never make getting money more important than taking care of their family and being a good neighbour. A just person worships God, and never worships money. She or he knows that they can't take their money to heaven; they know that love for God and doing good for others is our true treasure in heaven.

Lord Jesus, help me to make my love for You the most important thing in my life. Help me to use money wisely, to do the things that you call me to do as Your disciple. I make this prayer in Your most holy name.



## **Justice Week 4**

### **Day 1: Justice and Good Choices**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is, Justice and Good Choices. We practice justice by choosing to do good things. A just person chooses to worship God and to talk to God each day in prayer. A just person chooses to treat their neighbour with mercy and fairness. How can I make good choices with God and my neighbour today?

Lord Jesus, You created me to be happy by choosing what is good. I give you my heart this day. Lead me in the power of Your Holy Spirit. Help me walk with You in justice today by making good choices: help me to pray, and to choose kind words and actions with my neighbour. I make this prayer in Your most holy name.

### **Day 2: Justice and Responsibility**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is, Justice and Responsibility. Responsibility is about looking after ourselves and doing what is most important each day. We have simple responsibilities to ourselves like taking time to pray, getting enough sleep, getting up on time for school and putting things away after we use them. We have responsibilities to others: we look after our younger brothers and sisters, we help out around the house, we use words and actions that help our school become a safe and happy place.

Lord Jesus, help me to practice justice by acting responsibly today. Give me the wisdom and courage to do what is important: as Your disciple, as a member of my family, as a student and as a member of my community. I make this prayer in Your most holy name.

### **Day 3: Justice and Unity**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is, Justice and Unity. A just person works to build unity with other people by choosing goodness, truth and love. How can I choose goodness, truth and love with my family members and classmates today? Will my words and actions divide people or bring them together? Let us choose to bring people together in justice with words and actions that are good, true and loving.



Lord Jesus, everything you said and did was good, true and loving. Take our hearts today and make them like yours, that we might shine in our words and actions with the justice of your Father's Kingdom of goodness, truth and love. I make this prayer in Your most holy name.

#### **Day 4: Justice and Joy**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is, Justice and Joy. True justice turns people to what gives our hearts their deepest joy: worship of God, and mercy and fairness toward our neighbour. God is the joy of our hearts, and we bring God's joy to each other with acts of mercy and fairness. Let us walk today in justice and joy – with the love of God in our hearts, with mercy and fairness toward each other.

Lord Jesus, our hearts were made for Your love, and to share that love with each other. Make us Your just and joyful disciples – with hearts opened to You in prayer and praise, and arms ready to reach out to others with mercy and fairness today and every day.

I make this prayer in Your most holy name.

#### **Day 5: Justice and Hope**

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Justice. The theme for today is, Justice and Hope. We walk in justice because we have the hope of the Risen Jesus burning brightly in our hearts. The hope of the Risen Jesus inspires us to stay close to God in prayer, and to love our neighbour. When we pray, when we show mercy and fairness to our neighbour, the hope of God's kingdom of justice is at work in us. This hope shines in us and helps others to hope in God's promises, and to choose mercy and fairness in their actions. Let us walk in justice and hope today – in our prayer, and with mercy and fairness to our neighbour.

Lord Jesus, Your Resurrection is our hope. Keep us close to You, that we may walk in Your justice in this life – in our prayer and with mercy and fairness toward our neighbour. Help us to live *for You* with justice in this life, so that we might live *with You* in heaven forever.

I make this prayer in Your most holy name.