

**Reading:** Nothing is more practical than finding God that is than falling in love with God, in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evenings, how you will spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.  
(Pedro Arrupe,SJ)

**Antiphon for Cantic:** God asks three things of us: to walk humbly with God, to love kindness and to do justice.

### **Intercessions**

Response: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For world leaders, that they persist in efforts to provide the needed resources for recovery efforts in Haiti, we pray,

For the people who still live in unsafe and unsanitary conditions that endeavors will be made to provide them with adequate food, shelter and water, we pray,

For the thousands of Haitian children without families to care for them that the international community will respond to the needs of these children, we pray,

For all the Haitian people, who lost their lives in the earthquake and for our deceased relatives and sisters that all will enjoy God's eternal peace, we pray,

Gathering all our prayers into one we pray, Our Father...

**Closing Prayer:** God of healing, watch over the men and women who continue to work for Haiti's reconstruction. We ask for your continued protection of the Haitian people. We also pray for the leaders of Haiti. Give them courage to make decisions for the good of all. This we ask through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **Haiti Awareness Week**

**February 2015**



**Leader:** O God, You call us to live each day, in the light of your Son and in the assurance of your love. In faith we pray...

**All:** Christ, be with us!

**Hymn:** *Servant Song... or All One People...*

**Reading:** The joyful paradox of simplicity is that while it is complex, it is also simple. In the final analysis we are not the ones who have to untangle the complexities of our world. There are not many things we have to keep in mind-in fact, only *one*: to be attentive to the voice of the true Shepherd. There are not many decisions we have to make- in fact, only one: to seek first God's kingdom and righteousness. There are not many tasks we have to do-in fact only one: to obey God in all things. ... holy obedience to the Divine Center is so central to everything ... The only thing we have to do is be attentive to God at every moment. And as we are, there comes welling up whispers of Divine Guidance and love that make life radiant.

(Adapted from *Pathways to Relationship* Richard Foster)

### **Psalm 131**

**Side 1:** O Lord, my heart is not proud,  
Nor my eyes haughty:  
I busy not myself with great things,  
Nor with things too sublime for me.

**Side 2:** Nay rather I have stilled and quieted my soul  
Like a weaned child, like a weaned child  
On its mother's lap  
So is my soul within me.

**All:** O Israel, hope in the Lord, both now and forever.

**Side 1:** Glory be o the father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit,

**Side 2:** as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.



### **Response:**

**Side 1:** Generous God, you smile at the wide diversity and beauty in the humanity you have created, but you weep at the great divide between the rich and the poor.

**Side 2:** Stretch our vision so that we do not forget those who hunger. Remind us that when we are using material things, to do so with care.

**Side 1:** Enable us to use the earth's resources responsibly so there will be enough to go around for all who live on this great planet.

**Side 2:** Awaken us each day to gratitude for all we so easily take for granted. Let our eyes take the stories in the daily paper and on the evening news to our hearts where we are one with all creation.

**Side 1:** Compassionate Creator, stir in our souls. Call to us again and again, to be children of the universe. May we be attentive to how you would have us live. Grant us the generosity to share our lives with others. Amen.

(Adapted from *Out of the Ordinary* Joyce Rupp)