

## STEWARDS OF OUR EARTH All of God's Creation

Social Justice Committee, Holy Cross Parish, Mt. Airy, July 7, 2024

## Bread for the World

"More extreme weather patterns are making it difficult for farmers to grow food. Families are forced to migrate in search of safety and better livelihoods. Your voice is needed to ensure the fiscal year 2025 federal budget includes funding for programs that support critical development activities, including climate change adaptation, sustainable landscapes, and biodiversity." (*Catholic Relief Services*, 6/5/24) Add your voice.

**Prayer is also essential to ending hunger.** Jesus teaches us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread" not only to show our dependence on God, but also to recognize that God is the one who cares for people experiencing hunger.

Let us pray. God our creator and sustainer, we give thanks that you call us to the work of ending hunger in our world.

We gather together in these coming days for a time of fasting and prayer for the people in the hunger

hotspots in the world,

for the elected leaders who can make a difference, for leaders in the anti-hunger movement.

We ask that you be with us and guide us in this time.

Focus our attention on you and your children who suffer from hunger due to climate and weather conditions, due to conflict and insecurity, due to displacement, due to economic shocks, due to political instability and unrest.

We know that these are human made problems, but they need your divine intervention.

Intervene in our hearts, in our minds, in our voices, so that we might be agents of change in this world.

Guide our actions as we pray for our elected leaders, for the leaders of our movement, and for activists around the globe who seek peace and an end to hunger in the land.

> We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen (*Bread for the World*, 5/29/24)