

Daily Devotion For January 19, 2022

“Learn to do good; **seek justice**, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, and please the widow's cause,” Isaiah 1:17

In the Presbyterian Church, USA we are governed by the Book of Order, the church constitution. Every Elder and Deacon that is ordained and installed in the church must answer the question, “in your ministry will you see to show the love and **justice of Jesus Christ**.”

On Monday, the nation remembered the life of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He is the only non-president to have a national holiday to memorialize him, and at age thirty-five he became the youngest ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. In one of his prayers he prayed:

O God,... we thank Thee for Thy Church, founded upon Thy Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon Thee... Help us to realize that man was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity. Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace, help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children, Black, White, Red, and Yellow, will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the kingdom of our Lord and of our God, we pray. Amen.

Thought For Today: How do you think we as the Church should respond to issues of injustice and inequality? In a world where we see so many violent protest as our nation saw on January 6, 2021, or the political climate that divides us, how do you think people can communicate their views in a non-violent manner.

Today's Prayer Focus: Another of the ordination of church officer's states, “Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?” Let us pray that our church congregation will do just that. Deo Volente.