

**Wednesday, May 11, 2011**

On Wednesday , May 11<sup>th</sup>, as we remember our day of fast and prayer, we are invited to “reflect on the signs of the times with the eyes of God and with women’s hearts.”

We remember, “THE DISTRESS OF MILLIONS OF IMMIGRANTS AND DISPLACED PERSONS, OF CHILDREN AND WOMEN .... SEEKING A MORE HUMAN LIFE.”

(Chapter Document 2007)

**We Pray for Immigration Reform**

*For immigration policies that respect the rights and dignity of all migrants and their families...*

*God who is just, hear us.*

*For policies that acknowledge the right of persons to fulfill their basic needs abroad when they cannot be fulfilled at home...*

*God who is just, hear us.*

*For policies that welcome refugees and asylum seekers who flee danger in their countries...*

*God who is just, hear us.*

*For immigration reform that respects national sovereignty and security, but not at the expense of the common good...*

*God who is just, hear us.*

*For reform that seeks to address the causes of poverty in developing countries from which many migrants flee...*

*God who is just, hear us.*

*Just God, guide our leaders as they consider immigration reform proposals. Help us to raise our voices for the vulnerable, that just solutions may be found. Amen.*

**Question for reflection**

*How do immigrant proposals that you have heard of, both local and national, reflect the Bishop’s five principles? What would you add or change about those proposals so that they better reflect the Catholic Social Teaching values?*