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them to heart. We come up with creative ways to play favorites and even assume God does the same. Some who claim to be Christians, go so far as to say God really meant for his message and blessings to go only to ‘us’ – the people who think, believe, and look like ‘we’ do.

Forgive us for trying to put God in a box defined by our own limited perspective and understanding. Open our minds and our hearts to God’s perspective and understanding. Help us see all people as children of God, loved, cared for and valued as equals in God’s sight. Help us to learn to love all people as God does.

. . . we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin the shift from a “thing-oriented” society to a “person-oriented” society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered.

(Martin Luther King, Jr. April 4, 1967)

This week pray for:

The On-going Mis-treatment of Children and parents by immigration authorities at The U.S. Border. Many of these families are fleeing violence and persecution in Central America. Their safety is not certain if they are returned to their place of origin. The immigration authorities continue to try to coerce or force people to deny that they have legitimate asylum claims. The court had to order the immigration authorities to return a mother and child to the U.S. last week. The immigration authorities put them on a plane to deport them while a court hearing on their case was in process. This was against the law and the immigration authorities lied to the court about having done so.

Pray for those who have been sexually abused that their abusers will be brought to justice and the victims will find healing.

Pray for those injured and the families of those killed when a bridge collapsed in Italy. Remember those who have been touched by other tragedies this week too.



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