

People Who are Treated Unfairly

Pray that the Church may be helpful to all those who have been treated unfairly.



Have you ever been treated unfairly? It's no fun when someone is treated better than you - especially when there's no reason for it.

All around the world there are people who are treated badly because of their religion or the color of their skin.

The Holy Father wants us to pray this month for all people who are treated unfairly, especially those who have to leave their homes to feed their family or to stay safe. Pope Benedict wants the Church to be a home for people who suffer and need help. As Christians, it's our job to make our brothers and sisters in need feel welcome.

The Pope knows that welcoming people and helping them are very important jobs in the eyes of God. Not long after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph had to leave their home and hide in Egypt to escape King Herod's evil plan to kill all the baby boys in Bethlehem. Jesus started his life as a person who was treated unfairly. His family moved to a country where they didn't know anyone. The bible doesn't tell us very much about their time in Egypt, but we hope that there were nice people there to help Jesus, Mary, and Joseph when they arrived!

Think about it!

- What does it feel like to be treated unfairly?
- What are some reasons that people would need to leave their homes?
- What can you do to help people in need?

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For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.

Matthew 25:35