

Why not YOU?

(adapted from a prayer by Sr. Debbie Borneman, SS.C.M.)

We begin our prayer by taking a closer look at where we stand amid the global pandemic, climate fires on the west coast and flooding in the southeast, with this quote from psychologist Ted Dunn, in his newest book, *Graced Crossroads: Pathways to Deep Change and Transformation*.

What could be more needed now than incarnating wisdom in a world that increasingly discounts facts and truth?

What could be more needed now than your compassionate presence in our wounded world so prone to shaming and blaming?

What could be more needed now than being models of living community in a world that seems more interested in building walls than bridges?

What could be more needed now than the presence of men and women who are incarnating the gospel values of love, kindness, inclusivity, justice, forgiveness and mercy in a world so polarized and prone to violence?

Who better than you to bring the message of restorative justice in a world so ready to extract retribution?

Who will bridge these tragic gaps but you?

Gaudete et Exsultate, 122: “Far from being timid, morose, acerbic or melancholy, or putting on a dreary face, the saints are joyful and full of good humor.”

Loving God, help us to be completely realistic and, and the same time, radiate a positive and hopeful spirit. Amen.

