*A Reflection from Pope Francis*

Prayer for International Human Solidarity Day

“Quite a few years of life have strengthened my conviction that each and everyone’s existence is deeply tied to that of others: life is not time merely passing by, life is about interactions.

How wonderful would it be if solidarity, this beautiful and, at times, inconvenient word, were not simply reduced to social work, and became, instead, the default attitude in political, economic and scientific choices, as well as in the relationships among individuals, peoples and countries.

The future of humankind isn’t exclusively in the hands of politicians, of great leaders, of big companies. Yes, they do hold an enormous responsibility. But the future is, most of all, in the hands of those people who recognize the other as a ‘you’ and themselves as part of an ‘us.’”

*Excerpted from Pope Francis’ 2017 TED talk*

Spirit of God, you are the source and fount of all creation.

As you are one, make us one.

Unify us in an awareness, which sees the plight of your children around the world.

Unify us in a hope, which speaks of a better future.

Unify us in a justice, which works for the world you dream.

Unify us in a love, which prioritizes relationships of care.

Unify us in a joy, which witnesses to your eternal goodness.

Unify us as one human family, with a shared home and common destiny in You.

Unify us now to act on behalf of the marginalized, voiceless and unseen.

As you are one, make us one.

Amen.