



## Scripture

Old Testament: "Justice and right are the pillars of your throne, love and truth walk in your presence." Psalm 88(89) from the Breviary.

New Testament: "To him who is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for, or even think of, by means of the power working in us: to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21 from the Breviary

## Catechism

"Christians are committed to just societal structures. Part of this is universal access to the material, intellectual and spiritual goods of this world."  
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## Comment

The devastation caused in North Africa by the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya is widespread, with a catastrophic loss of human life as well as the destruction of homes, livelihoods and infrastructure. Catholic Christians stand in solidarity with those who suffer. As YOUCAT explains, solidarity is "a principle of Catholic social teaching that aims at strengthening community and promoting a 'civilization of love' (Pope Saint John Paul II)". YOUCAT #332

## Organisation of the Month

CAFOD (The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) is the official international aid agency of the Catholic Church in England & Wales. It has a page on its website whereby one may donate to its emergency aid fund. Visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) for more information.

## Pray, Think, Act

**Pray:** That God the Father may, through His Son Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, bring you the courage to put compassion into action;

**Think:** If your home had been destroyed by earthquake or flood, what would be the first thing that you would do?

**Act:** Visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) for more information about how CAFOD helps those in need and how you can donate to assist CAFOD.

*"Do as much as you can. God will do what we ourselves cannot do."  
St John Bosco, Letter to Cagliero, November 13, 1875*