



Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

### Bulletin: February 12, 2024: Resources for Lent

#### Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation

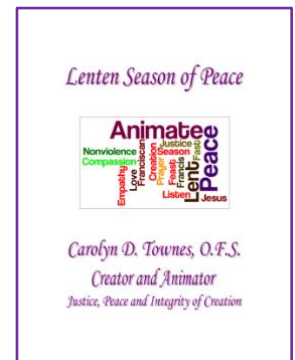
Greetings Secular Franciscans, on the approach of Lent. I always imagine in a Franciscan's heart the season of Lent is encountered the way an avid cyclist approaches a hill. They lean in and seek the deep joy of the challenge. Fewer distractions, more time to encounter the creator in the cave, in nature, in the charitable work of our hands and in the contributions to so many who work for peace and justice and care for creation. In addition to less food, Pat Carr, the former JPIC animator from Flagstaff, always adds, "drink more water:"

#### Resources for Lent:

1. H2O project Flyers are attached in English and Spanish. Please distribute widely this information about our national apostolate for water for the thirsty. It has one creative example from St Francis Region for how a fraternity can participate collectively. Past recipients have included well projects in Africa, and distribution in Southwest borderlands and Jackson Mississippi. The current recipient is the CIOFS sponsored "wel4africa" project. More information on this project is available at this link: <https://ciofs.info/2024/03/12/well4africa-news-and-annual-report/>



2. Lenten Season of Peace. Please enjoy these thoughtful and very creative meditations from Carolyn Townes. This document is attached, and also on the OFS-USA web site at: <https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/Lenten-Season-of-Peace.pdf>



May your experience of Lent be blessed, your hearts full, and your faith shown through visible works of mercy and justice.

Peace and all good,

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