Dilexi te

Animation Script
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Pope Leo has written a message to all Christians urging us to hear the “cry of the poor.”
He writes:

From the beginning of Scripture, God’s love is revealed through his deep concern for people who are “poor and vulnerable. “

God has a special place in his heart for people who are discriminated against and oppressed, and he asks us to make a radical choice: the “preferential option for the poor”.

This principle of Catholic Social Teaching, putting the needs of the most vulnerable first, can bring about an incredible transformation.

It can free us from our selfishness and open our eyes to see the many faces of poverty today; the poverty of those who lack food and shelter, of those who are socially marginalised, and of those who lack basic rights and freedoms.

While some economic rules are good for growth, they are not good for integral human development – which means helping all people to fully grow and flourish.
Global wealth has increased, yet so has inequality.

A privileged few live in a bubble of comfort and luxury, while millions of people suffer from hunger.

In this unequal world, God calls us to stand in solidarity with those who suffer and to respect human dignity.

We need to see that all people, including migrants and refugees, are our brothers and sisters: to be welcomed, respected and loved.

The most empowering gift is the dignity of work. But we must not forget almsgiving. Giving money is an important way that we encounter one another and show true empathy.

We are called to put love into action. We must practise this love by doing real, kind actions each day.

Charity has the power to change reality; it is a genuine force for change in history.

Doing something is always better than doing nothing.

If we want a better future, we must make choices that put the world’s poorest people first.

We must build a world where everyone has enough to live and thrive.
We must work to fix the systems that keep people poor.

We must build a world where every person has the same dignity and worth.

Love breaks down every barrier, it brings people together, it works miracles and knows no limits.

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A better world needs all of us

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