

A woman wearing a grey hijab is smiling and looking down at a green plastic crate filled with food items, including bread and a roll of toilet paper. She is in a food bank or charity distribution center, with other green crates visible in the background.

“Our social responsibility is grounded in God’s creative act, which gives everyone a share in the goods of the earth. Like those goods, the fruits of human labour should be equally accessible to all. Helping the poor is a matter of justice before a question of charity.”

Pope Leo XIV

Ninth World Day of the Poor

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