

Credo of the Campaign for Legal Aid

Our constitutive call to equal justice surely interrogates and accuses us. It judges us and finds us lacking. The answers we offer and the excuses we provide do not satisfy. Not if we are what we claim to be. Not if we are the sort of country we profess. For we do, every day, make such promises. We swear our allegiance to them. We say they define us. They mark us as Americans. They cast our national character. They set forth our mission. They constitute our charge our foundational creed. They charge us. They charge us because somewhere we read...

1. Somewhere we read, "we hold these truths to be self-evident that all are created equal."
2. And somewhere we read, of "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."
3. And somewhere we read, that "history will judge us on the extent to which we've used our gifts to lighten and enrich the lives of our fellows."
4. And somewhere we read, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
5. And somewhere we read, "we have to believe the things we teach our children, believe them and make them real."
6. And somewhere we read, 'the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.'
7. And somewhere we read, "whenever you did these things for the least of these, you did them for me."
8. And somewhere we read, "you reap what you sew."
9. And somewhere we read that "the pursuit of justice and the pursuit of happiness can be as one. They march not in opposite directions, but and in hand."
10. And somewhere we read, "no we are not satisfied and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."