Just War Theory and the Goal of Protecting Human Rights

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War can sometimes be an instrument of justice

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*City of God, 413 A.D.*

“Love thy neighbor”
Contemporary Just War Theorists

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Just War Theory

Just Resort to War: Jus ad bellum

Just Action in War: Jus in bello
Just Resort to War

- Just cause
- Right authority
- Right intentions
- Last resort
- Reasonable chance for success
Just Action in War

- Discrimination/Noncombatant immunity
- Proportionality of means