

Social Justice

“Almighty God, who has created us in thine image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of the holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, on God now and forever. Amen.”

- Book of Common Prayer

“Make us quick to understand the needs and feelings of others, and grant that, living in the brightness of thy presence, we may bring thy sunshine into cloudy places, like true followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord.”

- Sir G. Hedges

“Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions be healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

-Book of Common Prayer

“We bring before you, O Lord the troubles and perils of people and nations, the sighing of prisoners and captives, the sorrows of the bereaved, the necessities of strangers, the helplessness of the weak, the despondency of the weary, the failing powers of the aged. O Lord, draw near to each; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.”

- Anselm of Canterbury

For the Oppressed

“Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us eliminate our cruelty to these neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

-Book of Common Prayer

For the Poor and Neglected

“Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body and spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

- Book of Common Prayer