



Let Justice Prevail

Generous God, you sent your Son to preach good news to the poor.
Bless those whose lives are blighted by poverty,
who have little access to food, to education and to health care
and who suffer the discrimination and marginalisation that walk hand-in-hand with poverty.
Shake up those who live in comfort so that they may do more to redress the imbalance in our world.

Hear our prayer and let justice prevail.

Liberating God, you sent your Son to proclaim freedom for the prisoners.
We pray for all prisoners of conscience; for all who suffer torture, pain, misery and despair;
for their loved ones who ache with the pain of separation.
Stir up those who enjoy freedom of nationality, faith, thought and speech to do more to press
for the liberation of the innocent.

Hear our prayer and let justice prevail.

Healing God, you sent your Son to bring recovery of sight for the blind.
Bless all who suffer injustice because their leaders are blind to the human rights of their people.
Comfort all who are wrongly punished;
give courage to those who risk their own safety to speak out against unjust practices.
Open the eyes of those who abuse human rights so that they may turn away from the evil they inflict on the innocent and vulnerable.

Hear our prayer and let justice prevail.

Compassionate God, you sent your Son to release the oppressed.
Bless those who live under repressive regimes, where the people bear heavy burdens and where there seems no hope for the future.
Protect and empower those who lobby for change and who work tirelessly for a better way forward.

Hear our prayer and let justice prevail.

Gracious God, you sent your Son to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.
We earnestly pray that the day may come soon when the changes for which people long will be achieved, when all people of the earth may know peace, comfort, freedom, justice and equality.

Hear our prayer and let justice prevail.

Lord God, you have called us to be instruments of justice in a troubled and unjust world. We pray that you will make our hands strong and our voices clear. Give us humility with firmness and insight with passion, that we may fight not to conquer, but to release. Amen.

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