

Prayers of Intercession
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In peace we pray to you, O God...we pray today for all people who struggle for survival, for visibility, for voice, for equality, and for quality of life.

For all people in countries and cultures impacted by global capitalism. For the world's poor, destitute, and homeless. Let not the needy be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away. For all people of minority cultures and ethnic groups who continue to be trivialized and endangered by the pervasive impact of racism. For all people who are economically exploited. For the health and welfare of every person in every circumstance.

For encouragement and in hope we pray to you, O God...with those who refuse to give in to despair of cynicism and who continue to dream, envision, and struggle for a more fully just world and a more courageous and diverse church.

In thanksgiving we rejoice in you...for the faithful witness of all the saints – past, present, and future. Inspire us by their wisdom that stretches across generations and inspire in us a creativity that liberates what's captive. Unite us together as we share in the death and resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ, that we who have been given the gift of new life may bring new and renewed hope to your church throughout the world.

Remembering your mercy as you helped your people in all generations, as you promised Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar; now stand with us, that we may go forth from this place, empowered to join with you in your ongoing creation, liberation, and blessing of the world. Feed us daily, hold us fast, send us forth boldly, joyfully, and ever faithful in your Spirit.

Embolden us into a poetics of what's possible as we dance with the Gospel. Give us a proclamation that always moves your church to dynamic motion and mission in a beautifully diverse world.

Amen.