

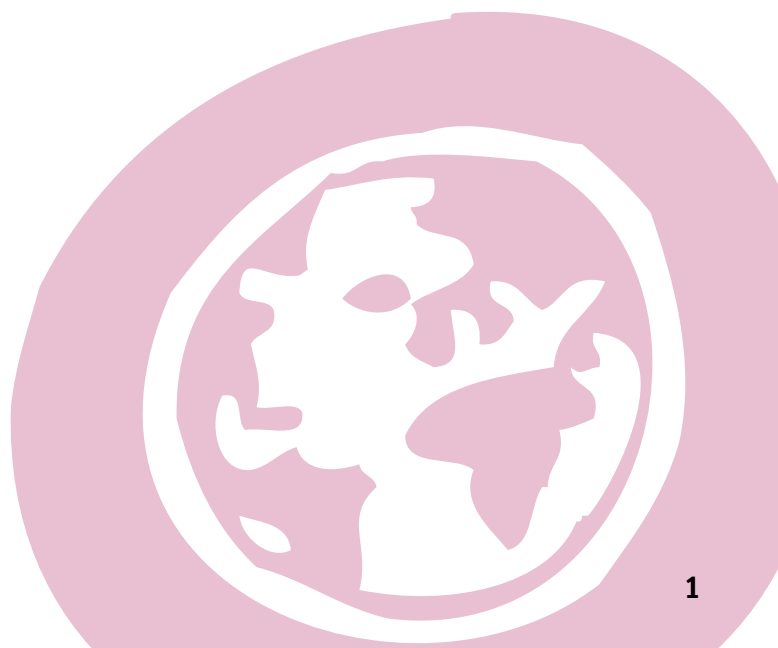
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Christian Ecumenical Worship Anthology

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HOW TO USE THE WORSHIP ANTHOLOGY



The service on pages 2 - 4 can be use for your own Christian worship. It includes some readings, prayers and hymns that can be used in an Ecumenical setting. Please feel free to adapt the service to suit your own needs.

For example, you could follow up the food procession and display, by asking everyone to spend some time thinking about where our food comes from; about all the people, both locally and globally, involved in the whole food production process – from the field to your plate.

'In the morning we drink coffee provided for us by a South American, or tea by a Chinese or cocoa by a West African. Before we leave for our jobs we are already indebted to more than half the world'

Martin Luther King

The stories on pages 5 -16 could be used as part of a sermon, highlighting some of the realities that people face around the world. These could also be read out during the service, or a group of people within your church(s) could prepare a dramatised version in advance to present to the congregation.

Additional prayers can be found on pages 17



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ORDER OF SERVICE



"Our daily bread"

A non-Eucharistic liturgy on food and hunger, encouraging us to see the world from the eyes of the hungry

Set the scene – celebrating food and life!

Procession with music: Bring in a long stick of bread, packet of seeds, trowel, apron and frying pan, party invitations and streamers, bottle of wine. Set up a table and break a piece off the bread so that there are crumbs on the table.

The leader welcomes everyone, asks everyone to introduce themselves to the person sitting next to them and tell each other what their favourite food is.

(If you don't think people will be comfortable with this, welcome them and begin with the hymn).

Opening hymn: Christ, be our light.

Reading: Matthew 25:34-40

Reading and Response: Lord when did we see you hungry?

Reader: On a hot day in Ethiopia 30 farmers are taking on some angry bees. They are learning how to improve their honey harvests. Smoke is puffed into the hive to dull and confuse the colony, then the sleepy bees are brushed from old-style hives made of mud and twigs into new wooden hives.

"I can get 3-5 times as much honey from the modern hives," says farmer Ahamed Yosef Shone, "It's very good for my children to eat."

In Ethiopia, nearly half of all children under five are underweight.

Response: Lord when did we see you hungry?

Reader: In the harsh landscape of rural Zambia, six out of every ten children are malnourished. Drought is a constant enemy, destroying harvests and killing livestock. Belita Mweemba won't forget the last drought: "We were just too hungry, too thirsty. I couldn't feed my children".

Response: Lord when did we see you hungry?

Hymn: When I needed a neighbour

Leader: When faced with the injustice of hunger, it would be easy to lose heart. We could turn away; we could pretend we didn't know. But God calls us to see the world in a different way – as a Christian community we are called to share what we have. God created the world and all its resources, not for the few, but for all humanity.

We are here today because we have chosen not to turn away but to take action. In a world where the three richest billionaires have more wealth between them than 600 million people in the world's poorest countries; we commit ourselves to change, we commit ourselves to justice.

Reader: "Is not this the sort of fast that pleases me:
To break unjust fetters,
To undo the thongs of the yoke,
To let the oppressed go free,
And to break all yokes?
Is it not sharing your bread with the hungry,
And sheltering the homeless poor?"
Isaiah 58:6-7

Prayer (together)

Generous, loving God we ask you
To give us today our daily bread
Creator of the world we share
Give us today our daily bread
As we store the crops
And fill the barns
Stack the shelves

Pile high the tins
And wander the aisles
Of supermarket choice
Show us how to see the world
Through the eyes of the hungry
Teach us how to share with all
Our daily bread.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
Who taught us how to pray,

Amen

Hymn: Jesus Christ is waiting

Reading: Acts 2:44-46

Read out one sentence at a time, a different voice for each sentence, leaving a short time of silence after each sentence.

- And all who shared the faith owned everything in common.
- They sold their goods and possessions and distributed the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.
- Each day, with one heart, they regularly went to the Temple but met in their houses for the breaking of bread.
- They shared their food gladly and generously.

Final Prayer of Commitment

Leader: Loving God, we remember in our prayers all those who will go hungry today. We remember those who work hard to grow our food, those who transport it, and those who prepare it. Teach us how to appreciate what we have, and to celebrate. Show us how to support each other as a community, as we work for justice, together in love and faith.

All: Amen

Hymn: Sent by the Lord am I

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Ethiopians exposed to hungry season

When imagining a drought affected area, stretches of arid, dusty land is what comes to mind. Yet much of West Arsi zone in Southern Ethiopia is deceptively green.

Here people call it 'green hunger' – a period of food shortage following the failure of the first harvest, when the second harvest is months away.

Earlier this year drought resulted in almost total harvest failure and widespread death of livestock in this and other regions of the country.

Now Ethiopia finds itself in the grip of a complex humanitarian crisis, triggered not only by drought but by global inflation of food and fuel prices.

The impacts are being felt throughout the Horn of Africa and amongst the worst affected are the 4.6 million people identified by the Government of Ethiopia who require emergency food assistance.

The situation is expected to escalate further as the hunger season progresses.

Moges Abebe, who works for CAFOD's diocesan partner Meki Catholic Secretariat explains that this part of Siraro in West Arsi has been a surplus producer in the past but is now one of the worst affected areas.

"Even though the second rains have come and some crops are growing, things are precarious" explains Moges.

"For the next harvest in October so much depends on the rains. The next few months are critical and in the meantime people are struggling."

We witness the severity of this 'green hunger' upon arrival at a food distribution centre in Siraro Woreda run by Meki diocese.

Here the most vulnerable families with children under five are given 5kg of FAMIX (a blend of cereals and pulses) and 0.6 litres of edible oil per child to supplement the general food rations allocated by the government.

Amongst the multitudes who have gathered, Moges introduces us to some of the women who have come to get food for their babies.

Despite not understanding the language native to this part of Ethiopia, even before translation, it is easy to feel you know what the women are saying as their urgent tones are punctuated by the cries of hungry children.

Ramate who is married with two children looks much older than her 35 years.

Her youngest, Geneme Kibler aged one and a half, is strapped to her back and is clearly severely malnourished.

"All our income comes from growing crops" explains Ramate. "Because the last crop failed we are exposed and we don't have enough to feed ourselves."

One of the staple foods throughout Ethiopia is "injera", a spongy textured flat bread made from teff grain, but the price of teff has risen rapidly in the last year, and most quickly in recent months.

"We buy pieces of injera as and when we can afford it rather than buying teff grain to prepare it ourselves", she says, adjusting her baby on her back.

"The grain is too expensive now. Last year I could buy two jugs of teff for one birr, now one jug costs ten birr (about 75 cent) and that is not even enough for one person."

The communities themselves have found other ways to cope during this drought period by eating cactus and whatever wild edible fruits they can. But despite this resourcefulness many are reaching breaking point.

When asked what needs to change for things to improve another woman in the group, Keriya is very clear,

"What we need right now is food aid" she says. "But we also need to make preparations for cultivation for the next harvest."

"For this we need seeds before the planting season ends. We have already planted the seeds we had in the last season, but they did not grow. The ones we saved we ate because we were hungry."

STORIES



Colombia: Risking lives to report the truth

Many journalists in Colombia have been killed for speaking out. But one project – supported by CAFOD's partner CINEP – protects reporters by allowing them to publish under the group's name.

Mary Luz Avendaño knows all too well the dangers of reporting in Colombia – in 1998 she was kidnapped by FARC guerrillas while reporting on the presidential elections.

She suffered first hand what thousands of Colombians undergo daily, being separated from her friends and family for a week until the FARC decided to release her.

"It's hard to predict where the danger will come from", she says. "You can start out investigating something small and it can turn into something big.

"In 2007 I was covering a story about a paramilitary leader who was testifying at a public hearing in Medellin when the paramilitaries were being demobilised. We noticed that the demobilised paramilitaries were monitoring what we were doing and taking photos and filming us.

"I complained about this behaviour but then they threatened me and said that we don't have to kill you to hurt you. We know where your live and with whom and what they do."

The Association of Journalists in Antioquia helped us bring to light the threats that we were receiving. We also found solidarity in organisations outside Colombia. The saddest thing is that my bosses didn't care about what was happening. They did nothing. They didn't speak out, I didn't get any protection. I just carried on with my work as if nothing had happened."

It may be hard to believe, but Mary Luz was lucky. Between 1991 and 2006, 98 journalists were killed – more than six each year. But just 20 of those cases were investigated by the Crown Prosecution.

Many reporters have been forced into exile, kidnapped or silenced due to threats and intimidation they received from guerrilla groups, drug traffickers and paramilitary groups.

And an increasing number are censoring their own work out of fear. The level of risk depends on the region where journalists live – it is safer in the city than rural areas.

Mary Luz is now a member of Reporteros de Colombia, a project supported by CAFOD partner CINEP, a specialist think tank on human rights and armed conflict in alliance with Medias for Peace and the Javeriana University.

Reporteros de Colombia supports journalists in their work to improve information available about the conflict in Colombia – but the name of the journalist is not published if the story is highly sensitive. The Reporteros name is given instead.

Reports have covered forced disappearances, women and armed conflict, children in war, landmines, indigenous land issues and extra-judicial executions.

Rocío Castañeda Cisneros, the 35-year-old coordinator of Reporteros, says: "We put ourselves in the frontline so journalists are not at risk. We want to give a balanced view.

"All sides have their propaganda. It is the population, especially the most vulnerable, who suffer in all this as our country is torn apart. We are not on either side. Our work just helps people recognise the reality.

"The worst that can happen is that it goes quiet, that people think it doesn't matter. That, after 50 years of conflict, the world doesn't care. We want to bring these issues to life again so that people understand what is happening and want to change the situation."

The project has enjoyed some notable success. One journalist in Sucre wrote an article about extra-judicial executions, which was published in the national news magazine *Semana*.

After the article appeared other journalists started to cover the story and, with pressure from Reporteros and more investigations, the full story came out. In the end it was not possible for the government to deny it.

Now the Reporteros work as a network, investigating a chosen theme in their given region and sharing information. They focus on demobilisation of paramilitaries, the Justice and Peace Law and the right of victims to know the truth, and obtain justice and reparations.

And they are trying to get their stories published not just in Colombia, but overseas too. In May 2009 they visited the UK to link up with journalists in the UK media.

Rocío "We can't change things alone. There are too many interests within the country so, without international support, it is difficult to change things."

Mary Luz once received a call from an organisation in Washington that works to protect journalists. "They called to see if I wanted help to get out of the country. I was shocked. How did they know about me?"

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"But, on the other hand I was relieved that someone outside cared and was looking out for me. They wanted to protect a journalist in Colombia that had nothing to do with them - this sort of help is very important for us.

"But we feel less scared now with the network behind us. As more journalists join, we get stronger and people are less scared. Any move to stop freedom of the press will come out in a Reporteros alert."



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Fighting for the right to land

After struggling for decades to secure land rights for his people, Jacir José de Souza thought victory had finally been achieved – only to find it could be turned into defeat instead.

Jacir is one of the founding members of CAFOD partner CIR (the Indigenous Council of Roraima), an organisation representing indigenous communities in the state of Roraima.

CIR works to ensure the rights of indigenous peoples are respected, so as to secure the livelihoods of communities living on the land - and for future generations.

After 30 years of campaigning, the indigenous territory of Raposa Serra do Sol in Roraima was finally granted legal status in 2005.

This hard-fought and deserved victory for CIR meant security and the chance to build a better future for up to 19,000 indigenous people, who had known little other than intimidation and discrimination for generations.

But, despite the historic ruling, the territory has continued to be occupied illegally by a group of powerful rice farmers, who are now trying to have the judgement overturned.

Jacir says: "We thought our situation was solved. But now we are campaigning once more.

"For us our land is our Mother. It gives us a home, soil, fruit, vegetables, fish. Without our land we would starve, we would be reduced to steal for survival, and this is why we defend our land."

Even though Brazil's President Lula has officially recognised the land as belonging to the Macuxi, Ingaricó, Taurepang, Patamona and Wapichana people, the local state government of Roraima supports the farmers.

It is now calling on the Brazilian Supreme Court to annul the legal ratification of Raposa Serra do Sol. Should the case succeed, the land will be split up and significantly reduced.

Jacir claims the farming has been polluting the land, as well as causing huge conflict – he says 21 indigenous leaders have been killed by armed security hired by the farmers, and the communities have suffered continuous death threats.

"The armed henchmen who attacked us are still free, and they still go on our land shooting and drinking. We don't hold much hope that they will be punished.

"Had it been us who attacked the farmers, we would have been sentenced to 30 years very fast but, because they are powerful, they are still free. That is the way we are treated.

"Bridges have been burned, which cut us off from education and health services, and there are a lot of children and adults suffering intimidation.

"This is destroying the fabric of our communities."

The indigenous communities are urging the Supreme Court to guarantee their land rights and remove the illegal farmers immediately, especially as any new ruling may establish a precedent and threaten all indigenous lands in Brazil.

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Defending human rights

Father Henri de Roziers is not your average lawyer. At the heart of the Joao Canuto encampment in the Brazilian Amazon is an altar where this lawyer holds mass.

Father Henri has been working in Para state for 30 years defending the rights of the landless as part of the Pastoral Land Commission (CPT), a CAFOD partner.

"Without him we wouldn't be here," says Aleque Alvis dos Santos, 48. "He helps us a lot in our legal battle for land. He has a big heart and a good one. I think he was born for this work."

The fight for land is a life and death struggle in this part of Brazil. Without it people often end up working for large landowners with a status similar to that of slaves.

Many of the people here have experienced it first hand. One group of people were employed to clear farmland for months without pay or even decent food or shelter.

Gunmen guarded the farm exits and entrances where they worked. Finally they escaped in a delivery van by telling the driver that they had finished their work and needed a ride to town.

Many workers are afraid to report what has happened to them for fear of reprisal

Others still bear scars where they were shot. At the end of their contracts their employers tried to kill them to avoid paying them their wages. They are fortunate to be alive.

The João Canuto encampment is named after an assassinated union leader – Father Henri says this is just one of 820 rural workers and union leaders killed since 1971.

He himself has received many death threats.

He notes: "Seventy per cent of cases have not been tried and few people are convicted or imprisoned. Many workers are afraid to report what has happened to them for fear of reprisal."

"Even when the landowners have to pay it's difficult getting the money from them, so the victim can be left with nothing."

In a region where violence rules, the opportunity to farm your own small plot of land is a lifeline - which is why securing the legal right to the land is so crucial

Father Henri says: "We are trying to ensure a law gets passed that those farmers who are responsible for modern day slavery and killings lose their land."

"This bill was proposed years ago. It may take a long time to pass but it will change the power balance – it may create a new mentality and better conditions."

"At least there is less slavery here now because we've done lots of work."

Maria, who lives here with husband Edinaldo and daughter Taisa, hopes one day to plant her own crops to sell - but can only do so once the land has been legalized.

She says: "I don't know how to describe how important or good it is to have Father Henri here."

"His solidarity, and just his presence - his humility of being with us, and the justice. At the end of the day he is our lawyer."



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Without women there is no light

It is not just fighting drought that the Rendille women of Northern Kenya have to cope with - many are also victims of domestic violence.

Traditional and cultural attitudes to women in Kenya can be summed up in a quote from an elder of a nomadic community; "Women belong wholly to men except their teeth.

"If you break a woman's arm you don't pay for it, if you break her teeth, you do."

Against this backdrop of violence, Eva Darare, a dynamic and committed woman, supports both men and women through gender development initiatives.

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She says: "The Rendille are a marginalised group within the community and women are second class citizens, they often suffer domestic violence and are discriminated against in so many ways.

"For example, they don't own anything, they don't inherit anything. There is a lot of wife beating - all those injustices which women go through in the name of culture.

But change is slowly happening, with some accepting the new ways of working alongside women, while for others, as Eva says: "It's as if their whole world has turned upside down."

Eva, who grew up as a nomad herself and now works with CAFOD partner the Diocese of Marsabit, runs workshops from a dull, grey single-room brick building, the only solid structure for miles around, where all community events take place.

Sitting in rows on basic wooden benches, women learn about their rights and about how to set up and run businesses - enabling them to be more independent.

Business skills not only provide an alternative income - vital during hard times such as drought - but also raises the status of women within the community, which in turn leads to men and women working together.

Without this kind of awareness-raising the future for the community is brutal and bleak.

Eva says: "Everyone was excited about it - before, they were not given opportunities even to speak about their problems. It's a moment of sharing - they can discuss freely, they don't hide anything. They were not given the time or opportunity before.

"It's only after the workshop that they realise 'Kumbe - ah! So it's like we are discriminating women!'

"Without women there is no light", goes a Rendille proverb. The reality of the work in Marsabit is that light is being shed so both men and women are supported to change together - and that change ultimately means their survival.

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Hunger, a hidden crisis

As the credit crunch bites we are all counting our pennies and scrutinising our shopping baskets. But in east Africa, drought and soaring world food prices mean millions of people are reaching crisis point. CAFOD's Laura Donkin talks about what she saw.

"When I visited Eritrea last year I met Weine, a mother of four who was struggling to find enough food for her children. Her husband was away in the army and unable to send any money back.

"She told me how her youngest daughter had been ill but she didn't have any food to give her. UNICEF estimates there are 85,500 acutely malnourished children in Eritrea, but statistics from the country are scant.

"Together with our local church partner, the Eritrean Catholic Secretariat, we have set up a supplementary feeding programme in Eritrea. Parents bring their children to be weighed and measured once a month, and are given extra food.

"Malnutrition rates are increasing throughout Horn and east Africa, threatening almost 20 million people. There are lots of different factors, including prolonged and recurring droughts, conflict, animal disease and soaring world food and fuel prices.

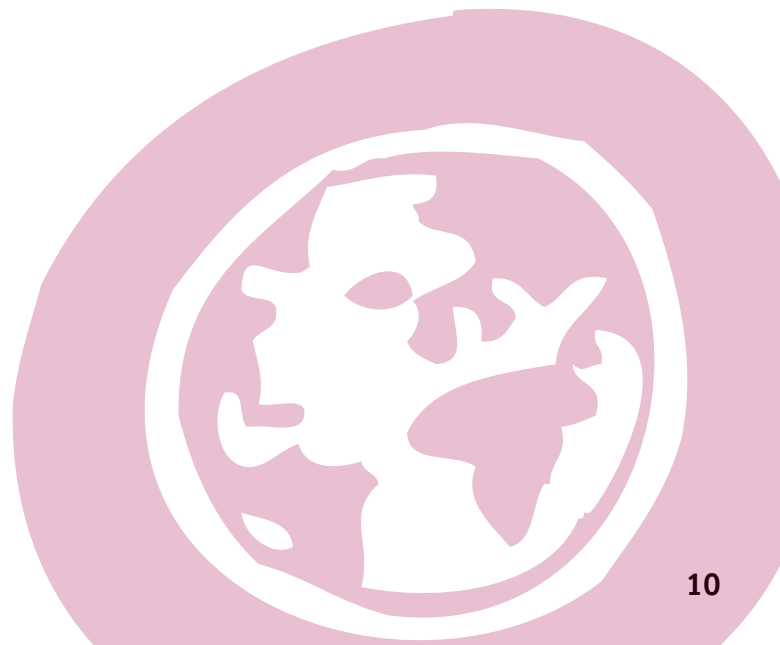
"At the moment there's a drought which is affecting Kenya, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia and north-eastern Uganda. People in these areas generally rely on farming crops and livestock for their income. Many harvests have failed and their animals are hungry and thirsty.

"As a result buying food at market is more expensive, partly because there's less food available so this drives the prices up, and partly because of the rise in food and fuel prices globally.

"Droughts used to happen about once every ten years, but now they're more frequent. This means that people have less time to recover and build up their food stocks, so they're hit harder when it happens.

"And it's not just food that's a problem. People are cutting back on school fees and medical care – they can afford less and less because they have to spend more money on food.

"The sad thing is people are quite strong and cope for as long as they can. But eventually they will be forced to come to the malnutrition centres. We want to help people before it gets to that desperate stage."



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READINGS AND PRAYERS



Gospel for Sunday 18 October: Mark 10:35-45 (whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant)

Gospel for Sunday 25 October: Mark 10:46-52 (restoring the sight of Bartimaeus)

Comfort and protect your people

Living God,
Our strength and help
We turn to you in our distress.
May the spirit of compassion
Comfort and protect your people.

In the parched lands and failed harvests
We see you hungry.
May the shadow of that hunger
Be broken by the light of your hope.

In our hearts we hold a vision
Of a better world.
May we, by our actions
Bear witness to your love.

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Celebrating God's justice

God of peace,
today in the wilderness
springs beauty like water.
Seeds lie in the dry earth
awaiting the rains.
Where parched desert cracked,
will flow mighty rivers.

In a garden of plenty
trees yield up their fruit.
Together in your love
we will realise our tomorrow.

With all those who scattered,
we will gather our crops.
In farms, fields and cities
we will celebrate your justice,
and in loving community
reap a harvest of hope.

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You made the earth

For the richness of the harvest
And the gifts of your creation
We praise you Lord

Response:
You made the earth
And saw that it was good

For the smiles of your children
And the beauty of your people
We praise you Lord

Response:
You made the earth
And saw that it was good

For the chance to share with others
And to celebrate your glory
We praise you Lord

Response:
You made the earth
And saw that it was good

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Respect for the earth

Grant us a spirit of concern for the future
of our environment;
Bring an end to the exploitation of the
earth's scarce resources;
Encourage us to be responsible stewards of
your creation.

Response: *Lord, make us prophets of our time*

Grant us a spirit of respect, recognising
the value and integrity of each person;
Encourage us to be accepting of ourselves
and of others.

Response: *Lord, make us prophets of our time*

Help us become advocates of peace,
bringing an end to conflict and division;
Renew our commitment to challenging the

causes of injustice.

Response: *Lord, make us prophets of our time*

Grant us a spirit of openness to see God
within and around us;
Help us rejoice in the good we have
experienced as we move forward to the
future;
Help us use our senses to celebrate beauty
and creativity in the world.

Response: *Lord, make us prophets of our time*

Grant us a spirit of truth to recognise
failings, which have hurt us, others and
the world;
Give us the humility to ask forgiveness for
our part in any wrongdoing;
Response: *Lord, make us prophets of our time*

Grant us a spirit of generosity to reach out
in trust to those we encounter;
Help us to embody God's love in our
relationships with one another.
Response: *Lord, make us prophets of our time*

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The splendour of your creation

Loving Creator God,
we gaze in wonder
At the splendour of your creation.
Rich carpeted fields of yellowing grain
and overflowing baskets of ripe fruit.
A banquet of fine wines and rich food,
a feast spread out for all to share.
Help us to learn from your generosity
how to share our bread with the hungry,
and to commit ourselves to preparing
a banquet for all peoples.
A generous feast for all to share.
Amen.

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You cry out with sorrow

God, you made our
Mother Earth, who cries out with sorrow.
May the wonder of your creation be
revealed to us:
Water that gives life, not destruction
Crops sown, not destroyed
Pure air to breathe, not polluted
Renew in us a respect for the magic of
A tiny seed
A flowing waterfall
A hovering skylark
Restore us to closeness with you
Call us to change for you and
May your spirit cry out within us always.

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Intercessions

We pray for the Church,
that through its prayers, actions and
public statements
it may continue to work towards a world
where all are free
from the pain of hunger and the terror of war.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We pray for world leaders,
that they may be inspired to work
together
to tackle the causes of poverty and
injustice,
and to use their power, not for their own
glory but for the good of all.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We pray for ourselves,
that we may have the courage to be
witnesses to the power of sharing
and to the values of global community.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

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Lasting prosperity and peace

God Our Father,
You have given all peoples one common
origin,
And your will is to gather them as one
family in yourself.
Give compassion to our leaders, integrity to
our citizens, and repentance to us all.
Fill the hearts of all women and men with
your love
And the desire to ensure justice for all their
brothers and sisters.
By sharing the good things you give us
May we ensure justice and equality for
every human being,
An end to all division, and a human society
built on love,
Lasting prosperity and peace for all.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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Prayers for justice

Lord Jesus, open our eyes so that we can
recognise the injustice around us that is
not always obvious.

Allow us to be moved by compassion
for the victims of injustice and to act in
accordance with your will,

To defend the poorest and to save the
children in need.

Amen

Lord God, you feel so strongly about the
needy,
the afflicted, the weak, and the imprisoned
– and you love them so deeply. Inspire the
leaders among us to uphold the rights of
the downtrodden
and to serve with fairness, justice and
integrity.

Amen

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A prayer from an ecumenical conference in Brazil, calling for an end to poverty as the first step on the path to peace through justice.

O Lord, God of life,
Who cares for all creation, give us your
peace.
May our security not come from arms, but
from respect,
May our force not be of violence, but of
love.
May our wealth not be in money, but in
sharing.
May our path not be of ambition, but of
justice.
May our victory not be from vengeance,
but in forgiveness.
Open and confident, we want to defend
the dignity of all creation,
Sharing, today and forever, the bread of
solidarity and peace.
In the name of Jesus, your holy son, our
brother,
Who, as victim of our violence, even from
the heights of the cross
Gave us all forgiveness.

Amen

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Scales of justice

Based on Amos 8:4-7

Our choice could
tip the balance
in favour of the poor
and lighten the load
of those weighed down

We could level inequality
and distribute warehouse mountains
share out the wealth
that was never ours to hoard

Turn the tables
on those who play
the markets
we could stockpile generosity
and speculate in hope
sell up our shares in selfishness
and settle for the dividends
of solidarity

For added value
build portfolios of justice
or an ISA in the growth
of the kingdom of God
buy shares in trust and act in faith
risk our securities to find a richer life

May the percentage of our interest
in people rise,
and may we be the prophets
of hope.

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God of earth and sea

God of earth and sea,
whose Spirit once swept over the waters
of chaos
to create a world of wonder,
again, make all things new.

In the face of destruction,
show your children a vision of a world
made whole
that together we may build and plant
and shape tomorrow from yesterday's
dreams.

Where grief overwhelms us
touch us with your presence
that wounds may heal
and mourning cease.

When despair threatens us,
turn our hearts towards your rainbow
that we may remember your promise
and embrace the colour of hope.

Through our work and prayers
sow seeds of resurrection
that darkness may turn to light
and death give way to life,
in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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For the benefit of all

As we enjoy our abundance of wealth
We pray for the hungry nations of the
world.
May they be freed from the yoke of
oppression.

Response: Hear your people's plea.

As we celebrate the joys of creation
We pray for the people who are denied
their share.

May the earth and everything in it
Be for the benefit of all human beings.

Response: Hear your people's plea.

As we benefit from international trade,
We pray for the producers and workers
Who are deprived of their just reward.
May all created goods flow freely for all.

Response: Hear your people's plea.

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HYMNS



A list of hymns featured, and where to find them

Christ, be our light written by Bernadette Farrell

Christ Be Our Light CBL (2)

Laudate L (883)

Hymns Old and New HON (2004 edition only)

When I needed a neighbour written by Sydney Carter

Hymns Ancient & Modern HAM (433)

Hymns Old and New HON (548)

Jesus Christ is waiting written by John L Bell & Graham Maule

Hymns Old and New HON (268)

Sent by the Lord am I written by David Peacock

Church Hymany (fourth edition) 250

Laudate (855)

Sent by the Lord - world church songs vol. 2 (Wild Goose)

Sing Glory (616)

World Praise 2 (85)

World Praise Combined Edition (131)

