

Prayers
For
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1

Our loving God,
In the midst of darkness, reveal your light.
As we long for lasting peace, be with us.
As we long for enemies to be reconciled, be with us.
As we long for cures and healing, be with us. as we long for economic security, be with us.
As we long for love and community, be with us.
Fulfill the deepest longing of your people and dispel the darkness of our hearts.
Let your Word ignite the hope the world needs to bring to life your love and justice.
May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the
Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.
(Adapted from Prayers for Marian Feasts and Marianist Days for Marianist Schools)

2

Mary, may your example and guidance
enkindle in all of us a love for the many
unfortunate people whom poverty and misery
reduce to a condition of life unworthy of human beings.
Arouse in our hearts a hunger and thirst for justice and peace.
Grant peace in our days,
peace to us,
peace to our families,
peace to our country, and
peace among nations.
May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the
Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.
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#3

Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your love in the world in spite of human failure.
Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness.
Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts.
And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal
peace. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the
Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.
(A Prayer from Apollo 8 for Universal Justice - Frank Borman)

4

God, you have given all peoples on common origin.
It is your will that they be gathered together
as one family in yourself.
Fill the hearts of humankind with the fire of your love
and with the desire to ensure justice for all.
By sharing the good things you give us,
may we secure an equality for all
our brothers and sisters throughout the world.
May there be an end to division, strife, and war.
May there be a dawning of a truly human society
built on love and peace.
We ask this in your name. Amen.
(Author Unknown)

5

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Author Unknown)

#6

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others
Open my ears that I may hear their cries;
Open my heart so that they need not be without succor;
Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong,
Nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.
Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,
And use me to bring them to those places.
And so open my eyes and my ears
That I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for you.
(For Courage to Do Justice - Alan Paton)