

Prayer for Human Rights

We pray for the recognition of, and respect for,
 The economic, social, and political human rights
 Of all human beings, all created in the image of
 God,
 So every person may live fully, develop and flourish,
 And be a part of creating the greater common
 good.

We pray that economic justice--
 The right to food, the right to housing,
 The right to medical care, the right to education,
 The right to decent work--
 Become realities for every person in this country,
 And for every person in the global community,
 So women, men, and children can not only survive,
 But live lives of dignity, without anxiety and fear.

We pray for those who are denied the right to vote,
 For those who cannot freely assemble,
 Or voice their beliefs, as individuals or as groups;
 For all those detained unjustly,
 For those denied equality before the law,
 For political prisoners, for those who are tortured,
 For those suffering because of violence and war.

We pray that the international community,
 the United Nations and international courts,
 Hold countries and individuals accountable
 For violating the rights of any person or group:
 We pray that we recognize and support their
 efforts.



We pray that all people of faith in this world
 Recognize we are our sisters' and brothers' keepers,
 That we are accountable for what we do for
 "the least of these,"
 That we are all connected with sacred bonds,
 And that we are challenged to create a world
 Where healing, justice, and peace are possible
 Because human rights are fully supported.
 Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers.

Amen

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