

A Prayer
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Liberating and healing God, release us from the chains of our fears, heal the wounds of our past, and help us step boldly into what you have prepared for us.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

O God our healer, we ask that you bring comfort and peace to the whole human family, especially those suffering the violence of war, the pain of abuse, or the fear of racial and ethnic difference.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

Lead us away from the denial of responsibility for the health and well-being of ourselves and others. Lead us toward your vision of shalom for the world.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

Release us from fear and open our eyes, that we might be reconciled with you and all your creation.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

Open our eyes and the eyes of our neighbors to the suffering around us all. Prick the hearts of the comfortable, so that compassion may flow and generosity may grow, healing our world.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us not to give up hope, but to continue to sow seeds of justice no matter how slow the growth.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

God, give us the courage and strength to listen and to accept your peace, that we may be examples for others. Heal us all from the brokenness and our sense of inadequacy.

Restore us to spiritual and physical wholeness.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, by the power of your love and grace, remove the chains that bind us. Make us instruments of your peace and righteousness for a hurting world, so that the nations may rejoice.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

Our God who loves justice and sets us free, heal us of our complacency and our cluelessness, so that we might be compelled and empowered to sow seeds of righteousness that hasten the year of Jubilee.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

Open our eyes that we may see that we are anointed and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be fulfilled followers of Jesus.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

As we hear the rustle of your Spirit, may we learn what holds us captive—persons, systems, and church—and be set free from all the chains that bind us except the bonds of love.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we are peacemakers. Enable us to sow your seeds of justice and peace in places like the Sudan and Iraq and in our own hearts, so that the world may be restored and all nations spring up with righteousness and praise.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the faith and insight of a mustard seed so all humanity can be freed for lives of love and peace.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

Liberating God, enable us to see your justice as it springs forth and gives us joy in proclaiming it.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant us use to see, courage to live in hope, and passion to walk in the shoes of “the other” so that your holy realm springs joyfully into our midst.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

We lift to you the physical, emotional, and spiritual prison bars and the fears that block our ability to walk in the light of your call. We lift to you the struggles we face when we try to find a just and faithful path that will lead us away from the chains of consumerism, privilege, safety, control and other forms of spiritual blindness.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

Thank you God for continuing to open our eyes to see clearly the oppression of your people around the world, including those within our own boundaries. Guide us, and those in power, to take action toward the reconciliation and rebuilding of a more just and peaceful world.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those trapped by the inadequacy of corporations, by government, by low wages, by leaders. We pray for all those in constricting conditions, and for those who have heard your Word but have not listened.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

We acknowledge your vision, recognize our blindness, and pray for the grace to continue in our journey of repentance.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us be the seeds of change to eradicate the weeds of empire that the natural wildflowers of Creation may spring forth in a cascade of color and beauty.

God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, we pray.

Amen.