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#### **Prayer:**

Father, we know we live in a fallen world that is overrun with cruelties and injustices to others, both near and far. As the author of peace, we cry out for those whose voices are not heard beyond their own hearing, those who suffer unjustly at the hands of others, and ask that we might be your light in this dark world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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