

Peace with Justice Sunday Litany

Leader: God created all that is in this world and called it good. Even in the midst of the brokenness that surrounds us, we find peace in the presence of God's goodness.

People: Fill us, O God, with the peace of Christ.

Leader: God calls us to feed the hungry and care for the widowed and the orphaned. We teach our children to share and then are blind to the moments that we could do the same.

People: Grant us, O God, a heart for true justice.

Leader: God calls to bear one another's burdens; yet, we often say that we will pray and never make the time to be present, lend a hand or even speak a kind word.

People: Help us, O God, to be people who give of ourselves.

Leader: God calls us to love our neighbors, to walk alongside them in the mess of life. Yet, many of us hardly know the people who live and work near us.

People: Grant us courage, O God, to walk among your people.

Leader: God calls us to seek justice, yet we are tempted to pacify, placate or ignore rather than face the hard realities that others face in the world around us.

**People: Loving God, grant us compassion to carry the peace of Christ into the world.
Amen.**

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