

**Thursday, August 11, 2011**

On Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, as we remember our day of fast and prayer, we are invited to “reflect on the signs of the times with the eyes of God and with women’s hearts.”

We remember, “THE DISTRESS OF MILLIONS OF IMMIGRANTS AND DISPLACED PERSONS, OF CHILDREN AND WOMEN....SEEKING A MORE HUMAN LIFE.”

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### **The Lord's Prayer for Justice**

(Part Two)

#### **Give us this day...**

Give us life and love; teach us to receive your life so that we may in turn give it away.

Give not just to our own but to everyone,

including those who are very different than the narrow “us.”

Give us this day and not tomorrow.

Do not let us push things off into some distant future

so we can excuse our passivity or our apathy.

Unveil to us the Presence of your Kingdom.

#### **Our daily bread...**

so that each person in the world may have what they need, enough food, clean water, clean air, adequate health care, and access to education.

So that we may learn how simple are our true needs,

so that we may work for a sustainable world.

#### **And forgive us our trespasses...**

forgive us our blindness toward our neighbor,

our self-preoccupation, our racism, our sexism.

Forgive us our capacity for blindness, for believing the lies about progress,

for adopting a consumer lifestyle.

#### **As we forgive those who trespass against us...**

help us to forgive those who take advantage of us.

Help us to forgive imperfect parents, impersonal corporations

and the systems that wounded them and us.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for yours is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

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