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Prayer

God, your way is the way of peace:
You call us to live in peace with each
other.

We hear your call.

God, your way is the way of mercy:
You call us to be merciful to one
another.

We hear your call.

God, your way is the way of justice:
You call us to enact justice,
To live according to this holy rule.

We hear your call.

God grant us the grace to act on what
we hear.

God grant us the grit to persevere
through our failures.

God grant us the guts to keep going
no matter how hard it gets.

Amen

Reading

I can't stand your religious meetings.

I'm fed up with your conferences
and conventions.

I want nothing to do with your
religion projects,

your pretentious slogans and goals.

I'm sick of your fund-raising schemes,
your public relations and image
making.

I've had all I can take of your noisy
ego-music.

When was the last time you sang
to *me*?

Do you know what I want?

I want justice—oceans of it.

I want fairness—rivers of it.

That's what I want. That's *all* I
want. **Amos 5: 21 – 24 (Message)**



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Pause

When is enough finally enough?

When do I stand up and say stop?

When is the time up?

How long should I wait?

How long can I wait?

Why am I waiting at all?

Song

Go Down Moses

Go down Moses

Way down in Egypt land

Tell all Pharaohs to

Let my people go

When Israel was in Egypt land

Let my people go

Oppressed so hard they could not stand

Let my people go

So God sayeth: "Go down, Moses

Way down in Egypt land

Tell all Pharaohs to

Let my people go"

So Moses went to Egypt land

Let my people go

He made all Pharaohs understand

Let my people go

Yes, the Lord said, "Go down, Moses

Way down in Egypt land

Tell all Pharaohs to

Let my people go"

Thus spoke the Lord
Bold Moses said
"Let my people go
If not, I'll smite your firstborn dead
Let my people go"

God, the Lord said, "Go down,
Moses
Way down in Egypt land
Tell all Pharaohs to
Let my people go"

Tell all Pharaohs
To
Let my people go

**Hear Louis Armstrong's version of
this classic liberation spiritual
[here](#).**



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Revolution

A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies. We are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside, but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it is not haphazard and superficial. Compassion sees that an edifice that produces beggars needs restructuring. A true revolution of values will soon look uneasily on the glaring contrast of poverty and wealth.

Let us pray:

Ever present God, you called us to be in relationship with one another and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered. In our community, we are many different people; we come from many different places, have many different cultures. Open

our hearts that we may be bold in finding the riches of inclusion and the treasures of diversity among us. We pray in faith.

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Prayer

We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end war;

For we know that You have made the world in a way that people must find their own path to peace within themselves and with their neighbours.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end starvation;

For You have already given us the resources with which to feed the entire world, if we would only use them wisely.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to root out prejudice;

For You have already given us eyes with which to see the good in all people, if we would only use them rightly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end despair;

For You have already given us the power to clear away slums and to give hope, if we would only use our power

justly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end disease;

For You have already given us great minds with which to search out cures and healing, if we would only use them constructively.

Therefore we pray to You instead, O God, for strength, determination and will power,

To do instead of just pray,

To become instead of merely to wish.

Rabbi Jack Riemer

Reading

But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do,

what God is looking for in men and women.

It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbour,

be compassionate and loyal in your love,

And don't take yourself too seriously—

take God seriously.

Micah 6:8 (Message)

Blessing

God of peace go with you, as you
bring peace;
God of love go with you, as you bring
love;
God of justice go with you, as you
bring justice;
God of mercy go with you, as you
bring mercy.

May peace, love, justice and mercy
mark out your corners now and
always. **Amen.**

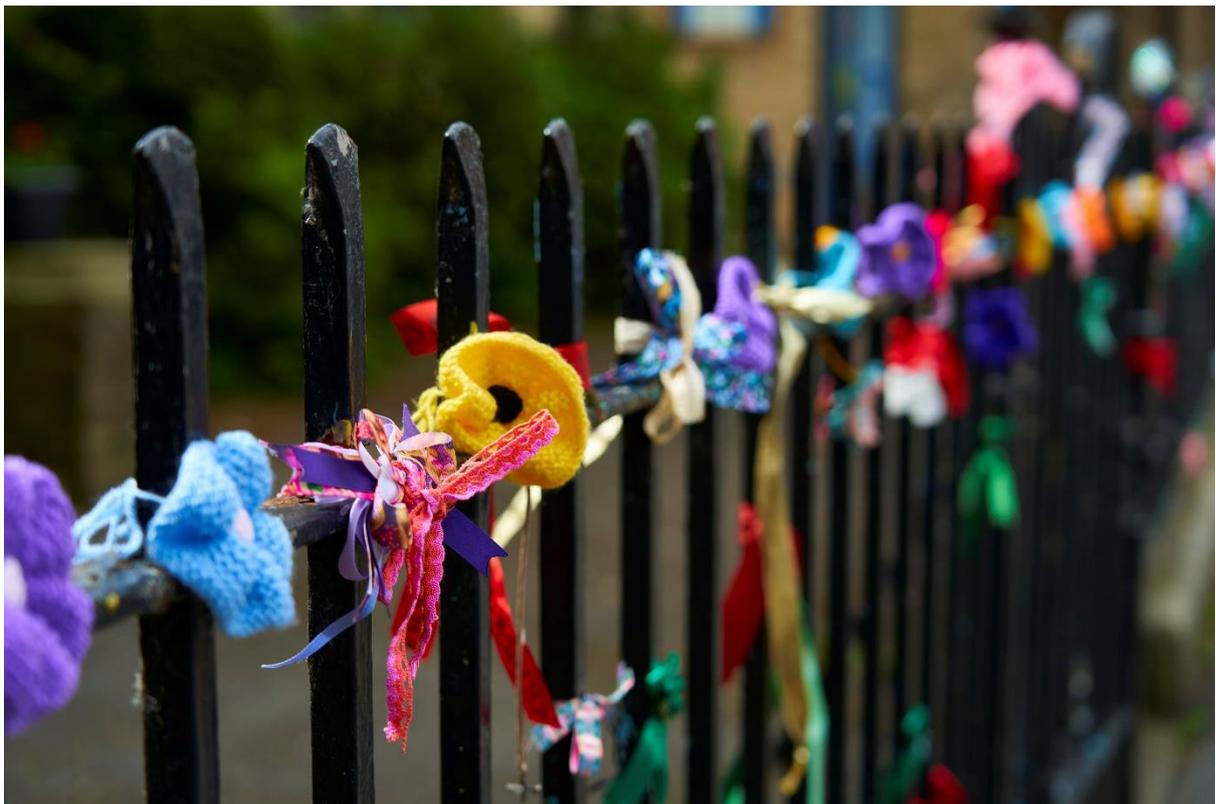


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