

One World



Prayers

Luke 17:11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Reflect: One World Week takes place every October, its aim is to highlight issues of global injustice and encourage us to get involved in doing the same. This year's own theme is 'Hope in action'. This theme recognises that we all need to make changes now to secure a fair, more satisfying world.

This year One World Week invites you to organise or support activities in local communities that promote and involve citizenship through:

- Sourcing food differently
- Reducing wastefulness
- Using money ethically to support the changes we want to see

Father, we are sorry for all the times we have been greedy or wasteful with food, grant us the wisdom to know that we have MORE than enough for our needs.
Amen

Give us O God:
Thoughts that turn into prayer,
Prayer that turns into love,
Love that turns into action.
Amen

Focus on one each day

Pray For:

- our global family, that one day everyone will have enough to eat.
- those who support and campaign for the 'IF' campaign.
- governments to work to ensure no one in the world goes hungry.
- those you know who are unwell or unhappy at this time.

Prayer in action this week:

Think! Waste less, in all areas of living.

- Say thank you at home when you have a meal.
- Be responsible with what you own.
- Buy Fairtrade - it makes a difference.
- Share with others.

Loving Father,

We commit ourselves to celebrating and seeking happiness in what we have, rather than aspiring for more and more worldly goods.

We commit ourselves to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers throughout the world who are denied their basic needs, and to challenge the market forces that keep them in poverty.

We commit ourselves to treading lightly on this earth, ensuring that our patterns of consumption will protect resources for future generations to come.

We commit ourselves to finding space in our lives for silence, prayer and reflection, so that we can live simply, finding peace and happiness in what we have.

AMEN.

A Penitential rite

Lord, in our relentless drive to accumulate cheaper goods and to consume more and more we have forgotten the impact that our lifestyles have on our sisters and brothers who are poor. We have supported and helped to maintain the very structures which keep them in poverty. Forgive us.

All: Lord, Forgive us.

Lord, we have fallen out of kilter with the rhythms of the earth and have lost our connection with the natural beauty that surrounds us. We have squandered the bounty which you gave us for the benefit of the rich. We have marred your image, God. Forgive us.

All: Lord, forgive us.

Lord, we have failed to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers who suffer from oppression and injustice, failing to use our voices for the greater good. Even though we consume the goods which they produce for us, the poor still remain invisible. Forgive us.

All: Lord, forgive us

Big-hearted God of wisdom,
make our own hearts bigger,
so that they might embrace
the struggles of our sisters
and brothers.

Help us to think beyond our
own needs, and instead to
support others.

Amen



God the Holy Spirit

Remove from us all desire for more money and possessions and halt our relentless quest for comforts that we do not need.

Make us aware of how much we already have and help us to share our wealth and time in partnership with all of humanity.

Ignite in us the fire of your love so that, filled with your Spirit, our faith is awakened by renewed commitment and deed.

Amen.

Livesimply prayer

Compassionate and loving God,
you created the world
for us all to share,
a world of beauty and plenty.

Create in us a desire to live
simply,
so that our lives may reflect your
generosity.

Creator God,
you gave us responsibility for the
earth,
a world of riches and delight.

Create in us a desire to live
sustainably,
so that those who follow after us
may enjoy the fruits of your
creation.

God of peace and justice,
you give us the capacity to
change,
to bring about a world that
mirrors your wisdom.

Create in us a desire to act in
solidarity,
so that the pillars of injustice
crumble

and those now crushed are set
free.

Amen. *Linda Jones/CAFOD*