



Title: Fairtrade

Prayers

Prayer to St Julie Billiart

Saint Julie, through your great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, you were miraculously cured and favoured by many graces.

By your powerful intercession, obtain for us above all, a great trust in God in all the difficulties of life, the strength to accomplish in all things the adorable will of God, and the special grace we now ardently ask of you.

"We must have courage in the times we live in. Great souls are needed, souls having the interest of God at heart"

St Julie Billiart

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Make our faith greater." The Lord answered, "If you had faith as big as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Pull yourself up by the roots and plant yourself in the sea!' and it would obey you. "Suppose one of you has a servant who is ploughing or looking after the sheep. When he comes in from the field, do you tell him to hurry along and eat his meal? Of course not! Instead, you say to him, 'Get my supper ready, then put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may have your meal.' The servant does not deserve thanks for obeying orders, does he? It is the same with you; when you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are ordinary servants; we have only done our duty.'"

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

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

What Fair trade does?

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers.

It's about supporting the development of thriving farming and worker communities that have more control over their futures and protecting the environment in which they live and work.

And it's your opportunity to connect with the people who grow the produce that we all depend on.

When you buy products with the FAIRTRADE Mark, you support farmers and workers as they work to improve their lives and their communities. The Mark means that the Fairtrade ingredients in the product have been produced by small-scale farmer organisations or plantations that meet Fairtrade social, economic and environmental standards. The standards include protection of workers' rights and the environment, payment of the Fairtrade Minimum Price and an additional Fairtrade Premium to invest in business or community projects.



Prayer in action this week:

- FairTrade farmers and the foundation that supports them.
- those who don't get a fair price for the food they produce.
- People in the world treated unfairly by their governments and laws.

Prayer in action this week:

Choose the FairTrade option in the shops.
Help buy some products for your shoe box appeal.

Lord, we all benefit from international trade.

We pray for the producers and workers who are deprived of their just reward for the work they do.

May we do all we can to support fairer trade throughout the world. **Amen**

Great Creator God, who gave life to the world and everyone in it, create in us a heart of love.

As we stand in a shop, as we prepare and eat our meals, help us to remember that what we buy and eat comes from farmers, growers, workers and labourers in fields and factories across the world.

Help us to remember that someone's life and wellbeing depends on the products we hold in our hands, place into our shopping baskets, and eat from our plates, so that we may be thankful and act with justice. **Amen**

We pray for world leaders and for all who hold positions of responsibility and authority, that they may recognise and actively seek opportunities to tackle poverty and bring about greater equality, so that all may enjoy the possibility to achieve their potential and live their lives to the full.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer

We ask you Lord to challenge us,
especially when we become too set in our
ways.

Inspire us to review our priorities and
values, so that our attitude may always
be to give generously without counting the
cost.

Open our eyes and hearts to all people,
and particularly to those who are
vulnerable or marginalised or who can do
nothing for us in return.

Lead us to act justly, love tenderly, and
walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen



Lord God,

In the fields of the poor
even when abundant fruits
ripen, injustice sweeps
them away, and families
hunger.

Help us to share

The fruits of your bounty,
so that all your family may
benefit

From your gracious gifts.

Amen

Most of us are lucky enough
to eat three meals a day.

Help us to remember Lord,
that others are not so
fortunate and let us not
take

for granted the plentiful
supply of food we have.

Help us to call to mind
those who have nothing
when we are tempted to be
greedy or wasteful.

Amen