

Sample Jubilee Prayers for Your Worship

JUBILEE WEEKEND 2015

Let There Be Light

A Prayer for Light

God, we pray for light,
For truth to shine in the darkness.
We pray for knowledge for all people:
Knowledge of your ways, knowledge of the ways of the world.
Knowledge so we can change what is broken, protect what is right.
We pray for our leaders to do right for your most vulnerable children,
But God, please also keep our leaders in the light.
We pray for an end to harmful secrecy, to dirty money and financial schemes.
We pray for light.

A Prayer for Jubilee

God of the Universe,
We pray today for those living in need,
For those living broken lives.
We pray for your healing, for your wholeness.
We pray, too, for an end to broken systems.
We pray for your Jubilee for a world burdened by debt and poverty.
We pray for systems that are whole, for right relationships between people and governments, people and people, people and God.
With your love we can make whole what is shattered
And heal our world and our hearts.

A Prayer for Mercy

God of Mercy,
You challenge us to feed the hungry.
We pray for those who live in poverty,
We cry out for those who are denied justice and we weep for all who are suffering.
You model for us an unceasing commitment to mercy for those who are poor.
May we too be unrelenting in our pursuit of mercy for all:
Centered in you, help us to keep hope alive in your world today.
(From *SistersofMercy.org*)

A Prayer to St. Julia Billiard

Saint Julia, you demonstrated your love for Christ through your service for establishing justice, compassion and peace so that the World would reflect His image.
You were called to work to combat poverty and illness.
In our quest for Jubilee and to free our brothers and sisters fettered by the bondage of debt and poverty, we pray to you for your guidance and grace.
We ask that you pray for us in our mission, for all those impoverished, and all those seeking just economic relationships.

We pray that we will have the strength to one day right wrong relationships, free those who have been condemned to debt and poverty, and work towards a world that reflects the love, mercy, and justice of Christ, Amen.

Call to Worship & Prayer

Litany

Leader: Let us pray;

Compassionate God, we have brought a time of oppression and broken-heartedness upon ourselves. Our own greed has led us to enslave our brothers and sisters.

All: Transform our hearts so that we may be messengers of good news to the poor.

L: Merciful God, you look with favor on the lowliness of your servants. Continue to show your mercy to those who need it most. Make us your instruments.

All: Fill us with laughter and loud shouts of joy!

L: God our Creator, you have done great things for your people. Help us to work for justice and liberty by bringing our economy into the light, giving voice and input to those who are silenced.

All: May we uphold what is true and cast light on the broken so we might heal it.

L: Empower us to live out Isaiah's prophecy: to bring liberty to the captives and to proclaim the Lord's favor.

All: This is the day that God has made.

L: You are the light of the world. Your love is for everyone.

All: Help us to embrace the love we receive from you, that comes to us through the most unlikely of the people in the most unlikely of places. Give us the strength and the desire to minister to those who struggle to live under oppressive conditions. And allow us to see your presence in our lives and in the lives of others. Amen.

A Prayer of the Day

God, you sent us your only begotten son, Jesus Christ, so that the Kingdom of Heaven might once again be open. He came to free us of our sin, so that we may one day share in the light of your presence. You made each and every one of us in your image, and you ask that we serve you and do your will on Earth. But every day, this is a constant battle. Many of your children are sinned against by their brothers and sisters, left impoverished and smothered by debt. Their needs are left unfulfilled, their voices ignored by the sinners. They are your children; your light is in each and every one.

You ask that we extend to one another love, dignity, and respect, but we sin against our neighbors. You ask that we share what you have blessed us with, with those who do not have, for nothing truly belongs to us. We are commanded to treat our brothers and sisters as we would treat you, and it is only by freeing them from debt and poverty that we can begin to fulfill this commandment. Please forgive these transgressions and guide us in our work for justice and equality. We ask to be blessed with this grace through Jesus Christ. Amen.