

Prayer to make poverty history

Christ our Lord,
your light shines into the shadows,
and shows us
where the obstacles to change lie.
We know that often they are in our own hearts,
in the way we live, and in our daily choices and actions.
We pray that we may accept
the light of your love
as a challenge to change
ourselves and our world.
We pray that, each day,
we make the choices
and take the actions
that will bring an end to poverty and hunger,
and lead us all
towards a fairer world.
Be with us, Lord,
as we face your challenge
and learn how to live
our lives in love. Amen.
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For a better world

Generous God, we thank you: For the gifts you have given us, the abundance of your Creation, and the beauty that surrounds us.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, that its members may be a voice for those who lack even the basic necessities of life, tirelessly serving them and calling for change. We pray for acts of kindness to spread in every community.

We pray for the world's leaders, that they may not hide behind their power or abuse it, but work for the good of all humanity, particularly the poor throughout the world. We pray for wisdom and clarity for those making key decisions especially around Covid and vaccines, for scientists, medical experts, politicians and public health officials, but also for politicians dealing with Brexit negotiations and with the American presidency.

Compassionate God, we ask you: to fill us with your love, to place in our hearts a spirit of courage, to move us to reach out to others in need. We pray for our local community, that we may show our love through our respect for each other and for our environment, gladly sharing what we have with those in need.

Lord of compassion, we ask that you weep with those who weep, comfort the mourning, put together the broken, bring peace to the hopeless, and find the lost.

Lord you have called us to be lights in the darkness. Show each of us how to play our part, so that now and in generations to come all nations may share in our hope for a better world.

We ask this in Jesus' name
Amen

