

SOCIAL JUSTICE PRAYER NETWORK
Prayers for the Period beginning March 1, 2010

We are assaulted on all sides by natural disasters—earthquakes, floods, snow and ice storms. We are dismayed by the indifference of the affluent to those who are suffering. We are appalled by the violence perpetrated by those in power (or those who want to be in power) on the helpless and innocent. We are disillusioned and frustrated by the selfishness and self-centeredness of those in government. And we must admit that we are complicit in these systems that perpetuate suffering and oppression.

*“Seek me, YHWH, while I may still be found, Call upon me while I am near!
...Let [the corrupt and the evil] return to YHWH, I will have mercy on them;
return to God, for I will freely pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways, my ways,” says Yhwh.*

*Finally I admitted my sin to you, and stopped hiding my guilt.
I said, “I confess my rebellion, YHWH,” and you took away the guilt of my sin.*

*YHWH, my God, you are the one I seek. My soul thirsts for you
... through sleepless nights I meditate on you, because you are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you; your mighty hand upholds me.*

God of Grace, we admit our sin and confess our guilt. We seek your forgiveness. We cling to you. Be thou our vision. We pray that our ways may more nearly conform to your ways. We pray to be perfect in love for all your creation and all your children.

We pray for all those who have lost so much in natural disasters.

We pray that legislators will seek the common good for all.

We pray for meaningful health care reform.

We pray for compassionate immigration policy.

We pray for open minds and open hearts towards those who have been excluded for any reason.

We pray for those who are suffering because of the economic situation.

We pray for those who continue to endure the horrors of terrorism and war.

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Scripture passages in order:

Isaiah 55:6-8, Lectionary Reading March 7

Psalm 32:5 Lectionary Reading 14

Psalm 63:1,6b-8 Lectionary Reading March 7

All are from The Inclusive Bible