

SOCIAL JUSTICE PRAYER NETWORK
Prayers for the Period beginning December 1, 2011

*The spirit of the Lord God is upon us, because the Lord has anointed us;
[God] has sent us to bring good news to the oppressed,
to soothe the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to captives...to comfort all who mourn...
[Together we'll] rebuild the old ruins, raise a new city out of the wreckage.
[Together we'll] start over on the ruined cities, take the rubble left behind and make it new...
Our souls rejoice in our God,
for [God] has clothed us in garments of salvation...
wrapped us in a cloak of saving justice...*

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We give thanks for the good news of increased endeavors to supply medications for those with HIV/AIDS who cannot afford treatment. We pray for Africa which has been devastated by this illness. We pray of all those who have been affected directly or indirectly by this pandemic.

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We pray for those whose homes, land or livelihood has been endangered by severe weather. We pray for refugees, for all immigrants, for the poor and middle-class who continue to bear the brunt of worldwide economic difficulties. We pray for the wisdom to raise a new economy that provides for everyone. We pray for nations where the people are trying to rebuild their political structure. We pray for peace and justice in the Middle East.

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We pray we might give gifts that benefit the poor and needy, gifts that make the world a better, safer, healthier place. We pray that Advent might bring a new awareness of God's presence among us because "the Word became Flesh and lived among us," and therefore we can reach out wrap others in a cloak of saving justice.

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As we end this calendar year and begin the new Christian year, we pray for the Spirit of the Living God to fall afresh on us. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.