

SOCIAL JUSTICE PRAYER NETWORK  
Prayers for the period beginning August 1, 2009

Once again, God, I come to you with prayers for the oppressed, the forgotten, the terror stricken, the tortured, the rejected...and the list goes on and on...

***From the depths I call to you, Yahweh:  
Lord, hear my cry.  
Listen attentively to the sound of my pleading!\****

But God, you do not answer my prayers right now in the way I want them answered.  
I know what you say to me.

***But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers...\*  
Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God... is this:  
Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight...\*  
Finally, draw your strength from Christ and from the strength of that mighty power.\****

God, give me the strength to continue praying and to continue being a doer of your word.  
I'm praying (and working) for

Peace in Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel, Palestine, Congo, Sudan and...  
Health care for all  
Immigration compassion and reform  
My neighbor  
The homeless, the hungry, the poor  
The ignored, the excluded, the wounded in body and spirit, the hopeless, the loveless  
And all the others who are in my heart...

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Scripture references in order:

*Psalm 130:1-2, The New Jerusalem Bible, Lectionary August 9*

*James 1:22, NRSV, Lectionary August 30*

*James 1:26-27, The Message, Lectionary August 30*

*Ephesians 6:10, The Inclusive Bible, Lectionary August 23*

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