

SOCIAL JUSTICE PRAYER NETWORK
Prayers for the Period beginning July 1, 2009

King David and his people sought security in military might and fortifications.
Some people still do. As Christians we have a different source of security.*

We reflect on your faithful love, God.
...God is our God, forever and ever—
and God will guide us even to our last day.**

*We are strengthened by God's Spirit
—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength...
God can do anything...far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!
[God] does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, the Spirit of God deeply and gently within us.**

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We pray that every American may have the security of health care.
We pray for those who now lack such care.
We pray to be guided and strengthened by God's Spirit so that we can work to make our wildest dreams of competent and affordable health care for all come true.

We pray that all people may have the security of peace.
We pray for those who live in fear and danger.
We pray to be guided and strengthened by God's Spirit so that we can work to make our wildest dreams of safety and harmony and healing for every community and region and country come true.

We pray that all people may have the security of a suitable home and enough food.
We pray for those who now lack such necessities.
We pray to be guided and strengthened by God's Spirit so that we can work to make our wildest dreams of home and food for all come true.

We pray that all people may have the security of being accepted, included, and respected.
We pray for those who are rejected, abused, denied their rights.
We pray to be guided and strengthened by God's Spirit so that we can work to make our wildest dreams of inclusion and tolerance for all come true.

We pray that all people may have the security of meaningful and fairly compensated employment.
We pray for those who are jobless.
We pray to be guided and strengthened by God's Spirit so that we can work to make our wildest dreams of employment for all come true.

*Scripture references in order: 2 SAMUEL 5:1-5, 9-10, *LECTIONARY JULY 5*
PSALM 48:9, THE NEW JERUSALEM BIBLE, JULY 5
PSALM 48:14, THE INCLUSIVE BIBLE, LECTIONARY JULY 5
ADAPTED EXCERPTS FROM EPHESIANS 3:14-21, THE MESSAGE, LECTIONARY JULY 26