

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

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here am I; send me!”*

*There’s nothing in this... old do-it-yourself life...for us, nothing at all.
The best thing to do is...get on with your new life.
God’s spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!
This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life.
It’s adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike, “What’s next...”*

**We have faith and live faith-fully. We are called and sent. We pray and work.
We pray for a widespread and meaningful celebration of Peace with Justice Sunday on June 7.**

We give thanks that the “swine flu” did not turn into the pandemic that was initially feared. We pray for those who have been affected. ***“Here am I; send me! What’s next...”***

We pray for a just and comprehensive immigration policy. We pray for an increase of hospitality. ***“Here am I; send me! What’s next...”***

We pray for those who are suffering during these difficult economic times. The poor continue to get poorer and even some of the more comfortable are experiencing hardships. ***“Here am I; send me! What’s next...”***

We pray for the prayerful consideration of the 32 proposed amendments to the Constitution of the UMC at Annual Conferences. We pray for truly “holy conferencing” and respectful listening. ***“Here am I; send me! What’s next...”***

We pray for those pastors and churches experiencing moves this year. May there be new birth. ***“Here am I; send me! What’s next...”***

We pray that our foreign aid might concentrate more on relief of human suffering—hunger, AIDS, education—and not of arms and military supplies. ***“Here am I; send me! What’s next...”***

We pray for all places where there is violence, hostilities and conflict, terrorism, hate, injustice and oppression. We pray for Israel, Palestine, Darfur, Iraq, Afghanistan, Congo and all those others that are so heavy on our hearts. ***“Here am I; send me! What’s next...”***

We pray that we can eliminate the need for June to be Torture Awareness Month. We pray for those who have been tortured as well as for who conduct torture. ***“Here am I; send me! What’s next...”***

Scripture references in order: Isaiah 6:8, NRSV, Lectionary June 7

Romans 8:12-15, The Message (adapted), Lectionary June 7

Visit National Religious Coalition Against Torture’s website (www.nrcat.org) for more details about torture.

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