

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

God calls us to pray - **Always.**

So confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The prayers of the just are powerful and effective. James 5:16,

God promises us presence and love.

Our help is in the Name of YHWH, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8

...so you [God] surround your people, now and forever more. Psalm 125:2

And so we pray for justice, peace and healing.

May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing in your sight,

YHWH, my rock and my redeemer! Psalm 19:14

We give thanks for the life and work of Teddy Kennedy. May we follow his example of strength, courage, determination and the ability to seek effective compromise with those with whom we disagree.

We continue to pray and work for meaningful health care reform. We pray for those who suffer because they lack affordable health care.

We celebrate the appointment of Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. We pray for the time when every minority will have an equal opportunity to live an abundant and meaningful life.

We welcome the recent progressive stand of Pope Benedict XVI supporting global economic reform and regulation, justice for the world's poor and a stronger United Nations. We pray for the poor and oppressed around the world.

We congratulate The Reverend Joseph Lowery, a United Methodist pastor and leader in the civil rights movement who received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest honor for a civilian. We are grateful for his years of dedication to the cause. We pray that we may continue his work until prejudice and racism has been truly overcome.

We pray for the first regional conference on "Abolishing Poverty in Appalachia" to be held September 11-12.

We continue to pray for all those who suffer--the poor, the unemployed, the exploited, the hopeless, the forgotten, the rejected and despised, prisoners and their guards.

We pray for a compassionate and just immigration reform, for peace and just in Iraq and Afghanistan and many more places.

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