

SOCIAL JUSTICE PRAYER NETWORK
Prayers for the Period beginning June 1, 2010

As the devastating spread of oil in the Gulf of Mexico destroys sea, land and living beings
As the suffering of numerous wars, conflicts and terrorism drags on
As the wreckage of earthquakes and volcanoes (and other natural disasters) still remains, and
the possibility of this year's hurricanes threatens ever more dire consequences
As persons endure and die on death row
As immigrants suffer prejudice, oppression, and increasing hostility
As countless people die of hunger, lack of clean water, and preventable diseases
As HIV/AIDS ravages the world
As the inconvenient truth of creation's destruction bears down on us
As the mushroom cloud of nuclear weapons looms over us
As the pace and scale of technological advances overwhelms us
As groups and nations persist to denigrate each other
As loneliness, hopelessness, and despair surround us
As even our local churches and MFSA face new changes...

...our souls long for you, O God.
Our souls thirst for you, O God, the living God.

[God was not in the wind or the earthquake or the fire...
and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.
When Elijah heard it...
he went out to listen to God.]*

We long for God's presence, for healing, for peace and for justice and mercy throughout the world,
for the coming of the reign of God.

And so, amid the deafening cacophony of suffering, we pause in order
to hear the sheer silence of God,
to calm our souls, to dispel our fears, to rest in God's compassion.

We listen--we are given faith, peace, love, grace, and hope. And we continue to pray...

*Scripture references in order:

Psalms 42:1-2a, adapted, NRSV, Lectionary June 20.

I Kings 19: 11-13 (selected and paraphrased), NRSV, Lectionary June 20

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