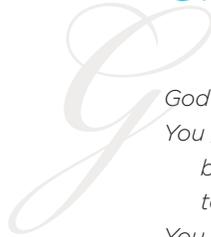


GIVE US A HUNGER FOR JUSTICE, LORD



*God of abundance,
You gave us the earth to be enjoyed
by all creatures,
to be our common home.
You blessed us with the sun, water
and bountiful land
so that all might be nourished.
How can we ask you to eliminate hunger
when you have already given us
the tools to prevent it?*

*Perhaps, Lord, we must ask you
for a more just heart,
a more generous heart.
The scandal of hunger and malnutrition
in our world of plenty shows us
that we have not been
good stewards of what you have
entrusted to us.*

Forgive us, Lord!

*You taught us to break bread together.
You showed us how to share
when you multiplied the loaves and
the fish.*

*May we believe again and break our
bread to share it among all people.
May we follow your example
and bring what we have,
trusting that you will multiply it
in new ways.*

*Open our minds and touch our hearts
so that we attend
to the root causes of hunger.*

*May we not avert our eyes
in the face of natural disasters.
May we help each person secure
what they need.
Most of all, help us to be conscious
that our common home belongs
not only to us,
but to all future generations,
and that it is our responsibility
to preserve it.*

*You call us to respond to the immediate
needs of our brothers and sisters
while also working toward just
and lasting solutions to hunger.
Give us your strength to lead the way
and persevere in our mission
to build a more just world.*

*You call us to make decisions that help
all people, not just ourselves.
Give us your strength not to waver
in our effort to lift up the cry
of the earth
and the cry of the poor.*

*May our hunger for justice remain
until all creatures have a share
in earth's bounty
and all people have enough
nutritious food
not only to survive but to thrive.*

Lord, **give us a hunger for justice.**

Amen

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