



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18TH - 26TH JANUARY 2023

FOREWORD AND INTRODUCTION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

In the Spirit of Ecumenism and our unity of purpose to grow CUEA, we welcome you all to reflect on the theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WOPCU): DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE (Isa 1:17). The WOPCU is celebrated from January 18th to 25th every year, but there are others who observe it around the Feast of Pentecost. The theme is meant to guide Christians throughout the year. This is a golden opportunity given to us to show that the Church of Christ is one and that together we are invited to shine and witness to the world that Jesus is good and the author of all justice. Every year, the International Ecumenical Fellowship (IEF) jointly with the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (PCPCU) of the Roman Catholic Church and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches (WCC) jointly entrusts a group to prepare materials for the WOPCU.

For 2023, they appointed Christians from the Minnesota Council of Churches, USA to reflect and conceptualize the theme, Biblical texts, Liturgical symbols, and songs for the WOPCU 2023. Inspired by their past historical racial injustices, segregation, discrimination, inequalities, and lack of opportunity for all, and in particular, at the height of the COVID-19 Pandemic lockdown, the March 2020 murder of a young African American man George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, the group chose to advance a theme based on Isaiah 1:17, "Learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor, defend the fatherless and plead for the widow".

To date, America is still struggling and the wounds of the past are not yet healed. The Church is very much a part of this history. The murder of George Floyd reminded the world how racial discrimination is still part of the American Society. But these ills do not only concern American society, we all feel concerned and challenged in our attitudes as well as our responses to social issues today. How do we respond to modern-day social ills as an ecumenical body? How prophetic are we today? The Minnesota Council of Churches invites us to reflect on Prophet Isaiah's call for justice found in Isaiah 1:12-18. The prophet cries and laments about

injustice among the people of God. His words towards religious and spiritual leaders of his time are harsh. They did not stand on the side of the poor and the oppressed.

Coming together as an ecumenical body reminds us of our common Christian commitment to justice and mercy. What does the Lord require of us? "To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 5:6). Both Isaiah and Micah remind us that we must stand on the side of the poor of our society. This year's theme of prayer for Christian unity is a call to stand together and speak with one voice against the ills of our society; especially against corruption and oppression of the weak among us. In all humility, we must recognize that the Church did not always walk with the poor. May our celebration be an occasion for repentance and a call for action. May this theme help to create more awareness of the plight of the poor among our communities and in our society at large. The fight against corruption, injustice, and oppression is both a personal and collective mission. Although the service is a one-day event, the theme is meant to accompany us throughout the year. It would be good, as an ecumenical body, to identify some common action as our commitment to seeking justice and doing good in favor of the poor, marginalized, and oppressed.

As Christ's ambassadors, let us join the Universal Church of Jesus Christ to challenge all forms of injustice for a better world for all as Christ intended. Our concrete way of realizing this is to form neighborhood ecumenical groups of prayer and reflection on the word of God. We pray that the Unity in Christ be a lifestyle as we grow in Him and in His service. This material has been adapted to our local situation by the International Ecumenical Movement Kenya-Chapter (IEM-Kenya) and the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, WOPCU Ecumenical Committee. It is designed to be used in a single ecumenical celebration and/or within our daily/weekly individual liturgical celebrations. We would like to encourage more ecumenical celebrations so that we can experience the joy of belonging and serving together as one body of Christ.



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DAY 1

LEARNING TO DO THE RIGHT THING

Faculty of Law, Directorate of Research & Innovation Hub, Internal Audit and Department of Quality Assurance (DQA).

Do
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The
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Readings

- Isaiah 1:17:* Learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor, defend the orphan; plead for the widow.
- Luke 10:29:* He asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Reflection

According to Isaiah, God wants Judah not only to practice justice but to embrace the principle of always doing the right thing. God wants us not only to care for orphans and widows but to do what is right and good for them and anyone marginalized by society.

The Hebrew word for good is yaw-tab' and it means to be glad, joyful, pleasing, to do well, and to make something beautiful. To be a Christian means to be a disciple. All Christians sit under the Word of God, learning together what it is to do good, and who it is that stands in need of this solidarity.

As society becomes more indifferent to the needs of others, we, as the children of God, must learn to take up the case of our oppressed brothers and sisters by speaking truth to power and if necessary, plead their case so that they may live in peace with justice. In doing this, we will always do the right thing!

Our commitment to eradicating and being healed of the sins of racism, nepotism, negative ethnicity, and stereotyping requires us to be prepared and willing to be in a relationship with our Christian sisters and brothers regardless of our differences.

Christian Unity

A lawyer asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" His response asks us to see beyond the divisions of religion, tribe, and nationality to recognize our neighbor in need. Christians likewise must see beyond these divisions within the Christian family to recognize and love our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Challenge

Who are the marginalized or oppressed in your society? How might churches together walk with these brothers and sisters, respond to their needs and speak up on their behalf?

Theme Prayer

Lord, you called your people from slavery into freedom; give us strength and courage to seek out those who are standing in need of justice. Allow us to see this need and provide help, and through your Holy Spirit, gather us into the one fold of Jesus Christ our Shepherd. Amen!

Let us pray for the Faculty of Law, Directorate of Research & Innovation Hub, Internal Audit, and DQA. Lord, we pray for these sections that in the daily execution of their duties, you will give them strength and courage to do so without compromising the quality standards stipulated. Open their eyes to Spiritual understanding to see the need and provide help to those in need of justice.

We thank you for the growth in the Faculty of Law with new programs of study; and in the Directorate of Research's incorporation of an Innovation Hub. Amen!



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DAY 2

WHEN JUSTICE IS DONE

Faculty of Theology, Canon Law, Chaplaincy and Dean of Students Office.



Readings

- Proverbs 21:15: It is a joy for the just to do justice, but destruction will come to the workers of iniquity.*
- Matthew 23:23: Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint, anise, and cumin but have neglected the weightier matters of the law; justice, mercy, and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving others undone.*

Reflection

From the beginning, the Book of Proverbs sets out to provide wisdom and instruction in ‘wise dealing, righteousness, justice and equity.’ Throughout its oracles of wisdom, the call to act justly and to pursue righteousness is a constant refrain, relentlessly shared and affirmed as more acceptable to God than sacrifice.

In a one-sentence pearl of wisdom, the speaker testifies that the righteous rejoice when justice is done. But justice upsets the workers of iniquity. Christians across their separations should be united in joy when justice is done, and be prepared to stand together when this justice brings opposition.

When we do what the Lord requires and dare to pursue justice; we may find ourselves in a whirlwind of resistance and opposition to any attempt to make things right for the most vulnerable among us. Those who benefit from the systems and structures buttressed by White supremacy and other oppressive ideologies such as ‘casteism’ and patriarchy will seek to delay and deny justice, often violently.

But to seek justice is to strike at the heart of the powers, making space for God’s just ordering and enduring wisdom in a world all too often unmoved by suffering. And yet, there is joy in doing what is right. There is joy in affirming that “Black Lives [and indeed all lives] Matter” in the pursuit of justice for God’s oppressed, dominated, and exploited beloved.

There is joy in seeking reconciliation with other Christians so that we may better serve the proclamation of the kingdom. Let that joy manifest itself through our shared experiences of God’s presence in the community in the known and unknown spaces where God journeys with us toward healing, reconciliation, and unity in Christ.

Christian Unity

The religious leaders Jesus addresses in the Gospel passage have grown accustomed to and comfortable with the injustices of the world. They are happy to perform religious duties such as tithing mint, dill, and cumin, but neglect the weightier and more disruptive demands of justice, mercy, and faithfulness. Similarly, Christians have grown accustomed to and comfortable with the divisions that exist between us. We are faithful in much of our religious observance but often neglect the Lord’s challenging desire that all his disciples be one.

Challenge

How can local congregations support one another to withstand the opposition that may follow from doing justice?

Theme Prayer

God, you are the source of our wisdom. We pray for wisdom and courage to do justice and to respond to what is wrong in the world by acting to make it right.

We pray for wisdom and courage to grow in the unity of your Son Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen! Let us pray for Faculty of Theology, Canon Law, Chaplaincy and Dean of Students Office. Lord, we pray that these sections will seek wisdom and knowledge that comes from above. May they respond courageously to what is wrong in the world and act accordingly to right it, through their theological, Canon Law, Pastoral and CUEASO services and activities. Amen!



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DAY 3

DO JUSTICE, LOVE MERCY WALK HUMBLY

FASSc, Directorate of Academic Linkages, Library, CUEA Press and Transport & Maintenance Departments.



Readings

Micah 6:8: He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God?

Mark 10:17: Now as he was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before him, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Reflection

The prophet warns the people of what faithfulness to God's covenant means: "...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" In Biblical Hebrew justice and kindness (mercy) are not different or opposite from each other. They are in fact bonded together in a single word, mishpat.

God has shown us what is good, asking us to do justice by loving kindness and walking humbly with Him. This means walking alongside others and therefore it is not just about the individual: my walk, my love. The love that God invites us into is always a love that gathers us into communion: we - not me. This insight makes all the difference in how we 'do justice'.

As Christians we act justly to manifest something of God's Kingdom in the world; and therefore to invite others into this place of His loving kindness. Within His kingdom, we are all loved equally as His children and Church. We are called to love one another as brothers and sisters and to invite others into that love. This calls Christians to act together in bearing a united witness within our communities.

Christian Opportunity

'Walking humbly' was challenging for the rich young man who asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. He had obeyed all the commandments from his youth, but he could not take a further step to join Jesus' disciples because of his wealth. He was beholden to his possessions. It is difficult for many Christians to let go of that which we perceive as riches; but which keep us from the greater wealth of joining Jesus's disciples in Christian unity.

Challenge

How can our churches better respond to the needs of our most vulnerable neighbours? How can we honour every voice in our communities?

Theme Prayer

Gracious and loving God, expand our vision that we might see the mission we share with all of our Christian brothers and sisters; to show forth the justice and loving kindness of your kingdom. Help us to welcome our neighbours as your Son welcomed us. Help us to be more generous as we witness to the grace that you freely give us through Christ Our Lord. Amen!

Let us pray for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Directorate of Academic Linkages, Library, CUEA Press and Transport & Maintenance Departments. Lord, we pray that the social diversity that exists in these sections will be a starting point to expand their vision in order to embrace the mission they share with their Christian brothers, sisters and neighbours. May they witness through their acts of generosity, hospitality, kindness, justice and love. Amen!



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DAY 4

LOOK, THE TEARS OF THE OPPRESSED

Centre for Social Justice & Ethics, IRID, Catering & Housekeeping Departments



Readings

- Ecclesiastes 4:1: Then I returned and considered all the oppression under the sun. And look! The tears of the oppressed, but they have no comforter! On the side of their oppressors there is power but no one to comfort them.*
- Matthew 5:4: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

Reflection

'Look, the tears of the oppressed'. One can imagine that the writer has witnessed atrocities like this before with sickening regularity. And yet perhaps this is the first time the writer has truly seen the tears of the oppressed, has fully taken in their pain and their subjugation.

While there is much to lament in a new looking and seeing there is also a seed of hope: maybe this time this witnessing will lead to change and make a difference. A young woman looked and saw the tears of the oppressed. The video she shot on her phone of the murder of George Floyd in May 2020 was seen all around the world and unleashed a holy rage as people witnessed and finally acknowledged what African Americans have experienced for centuries: undue subjugation by oppressive systems in the midst of privileged blind bystanders.

Acknowledging this painful reality has led to a global outpouring of overdue compassion both in the form of prayer and protest for justice. The progression from simply looking to seeing and understanding gives encouragement for us as actors in this earthly reality: God can remove scales from our eyes to witness things in new and liberating ways. As those scales fall, the Holy Spirit provides insight and conviction to respond in new and

unfettered ways. One response the churches and communities made was to establish a prayer tent at George Floyd Square, the place of his murder. In this way, these churches and communities were united in offering comfort to those who mourned and were oppressed.

Christian Unity

Matthew's account of the beatitudes begins with Jesus seeing the crowds. He must have seen the peacemakers, poor in spirit, pure in heart, mourners, and those who hungered for justice. In the beatitudes Jesus not only names people's struggles, he names what they will be: the children of God and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven. As Christians we are called to see the holy struggles of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Challenge

How have you engaged with Christian groups addressing oppression in your neighbourhood? How can the churches in your locality come together to better show solidarity with those suffering oppression?

Theme Prayer

God of justice and grace, remove the scales from our eyes so we can truly see the oppression around us. We pray in the name of Jesus who saw the crowds and had compassion for them. Amen! Let us pray for Centre for Social Justice & Ethics, IRID, Catering & Housekeeping Departments. Lord, we pray that you may give grace these sections and departments your grace to see the tears of the oppressed so that they will be vessels of social justice, integration, cooperation, compassion and hospitality among the oppressed in society. Amen!



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DAY 5

SINGING THE LORD'S SONG AS STRANGERS IN THE LAND

Faculty of Education, Directorate of Postgraduate Studies, ODEL and Registry Departments



Readings

- *Psalm 137:3: For those who carried us away captive asked of us a song, and those who plundered us requested mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"*
- *Luke 23:28: But Jesus, turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me but weep for yourselves and for your children."*

Reflection

The lament of the Psalmist originates in the exile of Judah in Babylon. However, the pain of exile is one that reverberates across time and culture. Perhaps the Psalmist shouted this refrain towards the heavens with each verse giving voice between deep sobs of grief.

This poem emerged with a shrug of indifference that can only come from living within justice and feeling powerless to effect any meaningful change. However, the words were brought forth; the heartache of this passage finds resonance in the hearts of those who are treated as strangers in other lands or in their own lands.

The demand in the Psalm comes from the oppressor to smile and make merry, to sing the songs of a 'happy' past. That demand has come to marginalized people throughout history. Whether it was in minstrel shows Geisha dances or Wild West cowboy and Indian shows; oppressors have often demanded that oppressed people perform happily to ensure their own survival.

Their message is as simple as it is cruel - your songs, ceremonies, cultural identity, and that which makes you sacredly unique is only allowable as long as it serves us. In this Psalm, generations of the oppressed are given their voice. How could we sing the Lord's song when we are strangers in our own land? We sing not for our captors but to praise God. We sing because we are not alone for God has never abandoned us. We sing because we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. The ancestors and saints inspire us. They encourage us to sing songs of hope,

freedom, liberation, and a homeland where people are restored .

Christian Unity

Luke's Gospel records that people, most of them women followed Jesus even as he carried his cross to Calvary. This following is faithful discipleship. Furthermore, Jesus recognizes their struggles and the suffering that they will have to endure in faithfully carrying their own crosses.

Thanks to the ecumenical movement Christians today share hymns, prayer reflections, and insights across traditions. We receive them from one another as gifts borne of the faith and loving discipleship; often enduring struggles of Christians from different communities than our own. These shared gifts are riches to be treasured and give witness to the Christian faith we share.

Challenge

How do we raise up the stories of ancestors and saints who lived among us and have sung songs of faith, hope, and liberation from captivity?

Theme Prayer

God of the oppressed, open our eyes to the harm that continues to be inflicted on our sisters and brothers in Christ. Let your Spirit give us the courage to sing in unison and raise our voices with those whose suffering is unheard. We pray in Jesus' mighty name. Amen! Let us pray for the Faculty of Education, Directorate of Postgraduate Studies, ODEL, and Registry Departments.

Lord, we pray for these sections so that in their mandate as educators and receivers of CUEA students, you will open their eyes of Spiritual understanding to see the oppression and harm inflicted on their brothers and sisters in Christ. Give them the courage and unity of purpose to raise their voices with those whose suffering is unheard. As the education sector evolves in terms of curriculum reforms, grant them sufficient grace to embrace the new developments and seek innovative ways to minimize the challenges. Amen!



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DAY 6

JUST AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID IT TO ME

Faculty of Science, School of Nursing, Infirmary, Data Centre and IBM



Readings

- Ezekiel 34:16: I will seek the lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong and feed them in judgment.*
- Matthew 25:40: And the King will answer and say to them, assuredly, I say to you in as much as you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it to me.*

Reflection

In the Gospel of Matthew, we are reminded that we cannot separate our love for God from our love for others. We love God when we feed the hungry, give the thirsty something to drink, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit the prisoner.

When we care for and serve 'one of the least of these', we are caring for and serving Christ himself. The years 2020 and 2021 made visible the immense suffering among God's family members. The worldwide Covid-19 Pandemic, along with economic, educational, and environmental disparities, affected us in ways that will take decades to repair. It exposed individual and collective suffering throughout the world and brought Christians together in love, empathy, and solidarity.

Meanwhile, in Minnesota, the murder of George Floyd by police officer Derek Chauvin exposed continued racial injustice. Floyd's cry of "I can't breathe" was also the cry of many suffering under the weight of both the pandemic and oppression.

God calls us to honor the sacredness and dignity of each member of his family. Caring for, serving, and loving others reveals not who they are, but who we are. As Christians, we must be unified in

our responsibility to love and care for others just as we are cared for and loved by God. In so doing, we live out our shared faith through our actions in service to the world.

Christian Unity

The prophet Ezekiel describes the Lord God as a shepherd who makes the flock whole by gathering in those who have strayed and binding up the injured. Unity is the Father's desire for his people and he continues to bring about this unity to make the flock whole; through the action of his Holy Spirit. Through prayer, we open ourselves to receive the Spirit who restores the unity of all that are baptized.

Challenge

How are the 'least of these' invisible to you or your church? How can our churches work together to care for and serve them?

Theme Prayer

God of Love, we thank you for your unending care and love for us. Help us to sing redemption songs. Open our hearts wide to receive your love and to extend your compassion to the whole of the human family. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen!

Let us pray for the Faculty of Science, School of Nursing, Infirmary, Data Centre, and IBM. Lord, we pray that these sections will arise with their respective unique services in science, research, and innovation. Open their hearts to receive your love and care; and extend it to the whole of humanity without fear, favor, or discrimination. Enable them to positively impact society in terms of contemporary challenges of advances in technology, Pandemics/Epidemics, research, data processing, and security. Amen!



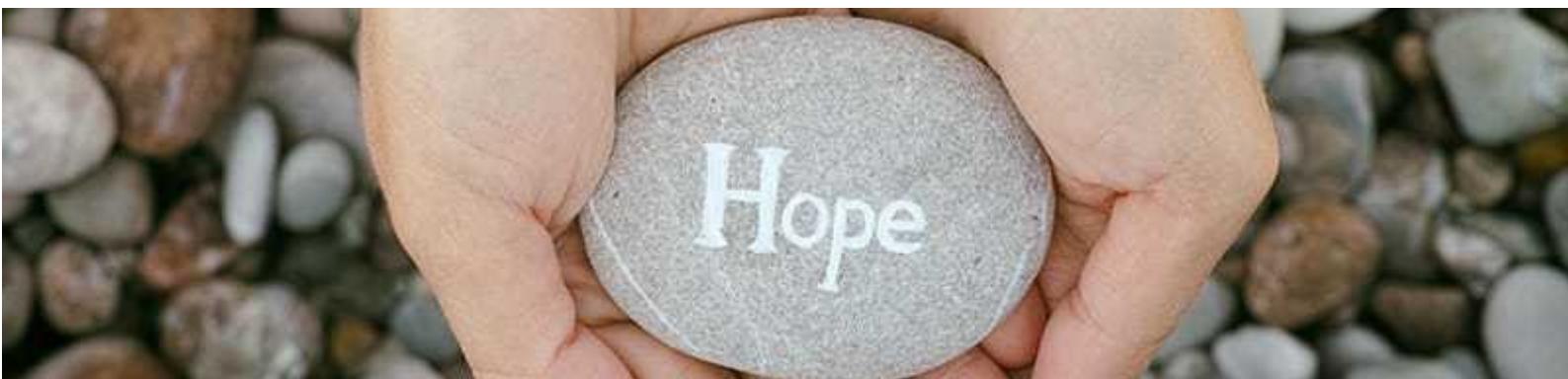
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DAY 7

WHAT IS NOW DOES NOT HAVE TO BE

School of Business & Economics, Finance and Supply Chain/Procurement Departments.



Readings

- *Job 5:11-16:* So the poor have hope, and injustice shuts her mouth.
- *Luke 1:52:* He has put down the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

Reflection

Job was living the good life and unexpectedly suffered the loss of his livestock and servants; and endured the devastation of the death of his children. He was suffering in his mind, body, and spirit and we all experience the same. We may pull away from God and other people or lose hope. Yet, as Christians, we are unified in our belief that God is with us in the midst of our suffering.

On April 11, 2021 in Minnesota, Daunte Wright, a twenty-year-old, unarmed African American man, was fatally shot by a White police officer during a routine traffic stop. This incident occurred during the Derek Chauvin trial for the killing of George Floyd. It is easy to feel hopeless when we are once again reminded that we live in a fractured society that does not fully recognize, honor, and protect the human dignity and freedom of all human beings.

According to Rev. Fr. Bryan Massingale, a leading Catholic social ethicist and scholar in racial justice, "Social life is made by human beings. The society we live in is the result of human choices and decisions. This means that human beings can change things. What human beings break, divide and separate, we can, with God's help, also heal, unite and restore. What is now does not have to be, therein lays the hope and the challenge."

In prayer Christians align their hearts to the heart of God, to love what he loves, and to love as he loves. Prayer with integrity, therefore, aligns the hearts of all Christians beyond their divisions, to love what, whom and how God loves; and to express this love in our actions.

Christian Unity

The Magnificat (song of Mary) speaks of joy for all that she sees God is doing: restoring balance by raising the lowly; righting injustice by feeding the hungry; and remembering Israel his servant. The Lord never forgets his promises or abandons his people. It is easy to overlook or undervalue the faith of those who belong to other Christian communities, particularly if those communities are small. But the Lord makes his people whole by raising the lowly so that the value of each is recognized. We are called to see as He sees and to value each of our Christian brothers and sisters as He values them.

Challenge

How can we come together in Christ with hope and faith that God will 'shut injustice's mouth'?

Theme Prayer

God of Hope, help us to remember that you are with us in our suffering. Help us to embody hope for one another when hopelessness is a frequent unwelcome guest in our hearts. Grant us the gift of being grounded in your loving Spirit as we work together to eradicate all forms of oppression and injustice. Give us the courage to love what, whom and how you love, and to express this love in our actions. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen!

Let us pray for the School of Business & Economics, Finance, and Supply Chain/Procurement Departments. Lord, we pray for these sections to express your love in their actions; through their mandate to economically and financially empower society, especially in these days of harsh socio-economic conditions. Grant them the gift of being grounded in your loving Holy Spirit to embody hope in the midst of economic and social oppression and injustice among the poor and needy in society.



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DAY 8

THE JUSTICE THAT RESTORES COMMUNION

Administration, Advancement & Security, Recruitment & Communication Departments.



Readings

Psalm 82:3: Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy.

Luke 18:7: And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?

Reflection

The Book of Psalms is a compilation of prayer, praise, lamentation, and instruction from God to us. In Psalm 82, God calls for justice that upholds the basic human rights to which all people are entitled: freedom, safety, dignity, health, equality, and love. It also calls for the overturning of systems of disparity and oppression; and fixing anything that is unfair, corrupt, or exploitative. This is the justice that we as Christians are called to promote.

In the Christian community, we join our wills and actions to God's, as he works his salvation for creation. Division including that between Christians always has sin at its root but redemption always restores communion. God calls us to embody our Christian faith to act out of the truth that every person is precious; people are more important than things, and the measure of every institutional structure in society is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of each person.

Every person has a right and responsibility to participate in society by seeking together the common good and well-being of all; especially the lowly and the destitute. In his book, Jesus and the Disinherited, spiritual adviser to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr; Rev Dr. Howard Thurman says, "We must proclaim the truth that all life is one and that we are all of us tied together. Therefore, it is mandatory that we work for a society in which the least person can find refuge and refreshment. You must lay your

lives on the altar of social change so that wherever you are, there the Kingdom of God is at hand."

Christian Unity

Jesus tells the parable of the widow and the unjust judge in order to teach the people about their need to pray always and not to lose heart (Luke 18:1-5). Jesus has won a decisive victory over injustice, sin, and division. As Christians, our task is to receive this victory firstly in our own hearts through prayer and secondly in our lives through action. May we never lose heart, but rather continue to ask in prayer for God's gift of unity and manifest this unity in our lives.

Challenge

As the people of God, how are our churches called to engage in justice that unites us in our actions to love and serve all those of the family of God?

Theme Prayer

God, Creator, and Redeemer of all things teach us to look inward and to be grounded in your loving Spirit; so that we may go outward in wisdom and courage, and to always choose the path of love and justice. This we pray in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Let us pray for Administration, Advancement & Security, and Recruitment & Communication Departments Lord, we pray for these sections as the focal pillars of CUEA. They face a myriad of challenges as they continue to seek ways to improve and turn around the university in terms of finance, growth and development, student recruitment and retention, and staff working conditions. Help them look inward to be grounded in your loving Holy Spirit, and to always choose the path of righteousness. Amen!