

Micah Challenge: A prayer of hope:

Let us pray:

We pray today for God's world. We pray that it might discover its human face. We pray for a world divided.

Divided unequally between the prosperous and the desperate.

Between those born into privilege and power and those born into poverty and pain

Divided unequally between the wealthy and the poor.

The power-filled and the poor

The greedy and the poor

The corrupt and the poor

The poor who always get more than their fair-share of poverty.

God of life, into your world you come. Into this divided human community you arrive. You sit amongst the poor but the wealthy do not see you.

You walk with the lonely and the abandoned but those with power cannot hear your footsteps.

You stand among the hungry crowds waiting for food but the greedy will not share their food with you.

You live among the powerless, the frightened and the weak but the corrupt fail to notice you and continue to exploit you.

God of hope deliver us all from self-righteousness so that whilst we may call the world towards a different way, we might also, in your name, become the answer to the prayers of the silent, suffering, struggling ones.

God of justice, not just us, grant us the courage to live as well as proclaim your gospel.

God of life, grant us the energy to serve others in your name.

God of love, enable and allow us, with all our weaknesses and fears, to continue this walk of faith, for faith and in faith.

Amen

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