Justice - Prayers and Affirmations

Prayer Options:

1. **Scripture Reading: Psalm 8**
   O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
   You have set Your glory above the heavens.
   When I look at Your heavens,
   the work of Your fingers,
   the moon and the stars that You have established;
   What are human beings that You are mindful of them, mortals that You care for them?
   Yet You have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour.
   You have given them dominion over the works of Your hands;
   You have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
   the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
   The Word of the Lord.
   **All: Thanks be to God.**

2. **Easter is the gift...**
   Easter is the gift of HOPE
   Easter is the gift of PEACE
   Easter is the gift of LOVE
   Let us rejoice in Him,
   Who gives them all.
   May God bless you at Easter,
   And keep you all year through.
   May God give you all the faith it takes,
   To make your dreams come true.
   May God’s love and wisdom always help, to guide you on your way.
   May God’s light shine down upon you now, to bless your Easter Day.
   —Author Unknown

3. **God of Justice,**
   Help us to always see those around us with loving and compassionate eyes. If they need us,
   help us to reach out to them. May we always work towards breaking down the
   barriers that make people feel alone. In showing kindness and care to each other we will make
   a difference; we will be demonstrating our love for you. We make this prayer in your name,
   Jesus. Amen.
4. **Come Holy Spirit**

   Come Holy Spirit,
   Fill the hearts of Your faithful,
   And kindle in them the fire of Your love.
   our Spirit and they shall be created,
   And You shall renew the face of the earth. Holy Spirit

5. **Magnificat**

   My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
   my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
   for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
   From this day all generations will call me blessed:
   the Almighty has done great things for me,
   and holy is His Name.
   He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.
   He has shown the strength of his arm;
   He has cast down the might from their thrones,
   and has lifted up the lowly.
   He has filled the hungry with good things,
   and the rich he has sent away empty.
   He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
   for He has remembered his promise of mercy,
   The promise He made to our father,
   to Abraham and his children forever. Amen.

6. **A Prayer Service for Earth Day**

   **Leader:** Come, let us praise God for the gift of Creation.

   **All:** Creator God, we praise you for the grandeur of the universe.

   We praise you for the gift of this Earth.
   We praise you for the land, and we praise you for the seas.
   We praise you for the great miracle of teeming life on our prolific planet.
   We praise you for the cycle of growth and for the beauty of bursting blooms in the Spring time.
   We praise you green growth of summer and for the holy harvest in the Fall.
   We praise you for the infinity of different creatures on the land and in the sea, each unique in its own way, each fitting into the complex ecosystems you have gifted us with, each dependent on each other and the whole.
   We praise you, our Creator. Grace us with a sense of our responsibilities to preserve and protect your precious gift, This Garden, this Earth.
   We praise you, Creator God, and we offer you our hearts and hands for the preservation of your Creation. Amen
Affirmations:

- I will treat others in a just, equitable and unbiased manner.
- I will play by the rules, take turns and share.
- I will be respectful of others in my family, school and parish communities.
- I will seek peaceful solutions to problems.
- Reading a letter from an advocacy organization, I vow to make my hopeful yearnings into concrete demands for change.
- I am a peacemaker.
- I am forgiving.
- I follow rules and do my share.
- I will stand up for what is right.
- I respect and protect the world and all that is in it.

Concluding Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (or your choice)