

Litany of Witnesses to God's Justice

After each phrase, please respond, *We praise You for the wonders of Your justice*

Leader: Lord God, we praise You for the wonders of Your justice in the lives of Your people.

Response: *We praise You for the wonders of Your justice*

Leader: We remember Abraham, who heeded Your call to a new land and Covenant with You

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Leader: We remember Sarah, who journeyed with Abraham in faith and bore Isaac according to Your promise.

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Leader: We remember Moses and Aaron, who delivered Your message of justice to Egypt, and led the Hebrews out of slavery.

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Leader: We remember Zipporah, the wife of Moses, and Miriam his sister – his constant companions in the Sinai desert.

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Leader: We remember Joshua, who led the Hebrews across the Jordan into Canaan.

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Leader: We remember Rahab, who helped the Israelites capture Jericho.

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Leader: We remember Gideon, who led Your people to renew their faith and defeat their enemies.

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Leader: We remember Deborah, who rallied the Israelites in Your holy name to repel their attackers.

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Leader: We remember Samuel, Elijah and Elisha, who called Your people back to the Covenant.

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Leader: We remember Ruth, whose faithfulness led her to become the grandmother of David.

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Leader: We remember Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and all the prophets who called Israel to live in Your justice, often at great personal cost.

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Leader: We remember Queen Esther, who implored Your mercy and risked her life to save her People.

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Leader: We remember Ezra and Nehemiah, who led Your people to rebuild Jerusalem and renew the Covenant with You.

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Leader: We remember the mother and seven sons who died rather than worship false gods.
Response: *We praise You for the wonders of Your justice.*

After each invocation, please respond: *May Your justice last forever.*

Leader: We remember John the Baptist, who proclaimed the Reign of Jesus at the cost of his life.

Response: *May Your justice last forever.*

Leader: We remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus, whose "Yes" gave humanity new life in Christ.

Response: *May Your justice last forever.*

Leader: We remember Joseph, the Just Man who cared for Mary and her Saviour Son.

Response: *May Your justice last forever.*

Leader: We remember Mary Magdalen and all the women who supported Jesus in His ministry.

Response: *May Your justice last forever.*

Leader: We remember the blind, deaf, grieving, sick and disabled men and women whose healings by Jesus became signs of His Kingdom.

Response: *May Your justice last forever.*

Leader: We remember the woman who washed the feet of Jesus with her tears, putting others to shame.

Response: *May Your justice last forever.*

Leader: We remember the Roman Centurion's faith that obtained his servant's healing by Jesus.

Response: *May Your justice last forever.*

Leader: We remember Mary, Mary Magdalen, Mary the mother of James, Salome and John who stood by Jesus as He died on the cross.

Response: *May Your justice last forever.*

Leader: We remember Joseph of Arimathea, who saw that Jesus was entombed with dignity.

Response: *May Your justice last forever.*

Leader: We remember Mary Magdalen who announced the Lord's resurrection to the Apostles.

Response: *May Your justice last forever.*

Leader: We remember Peter and John who saw the empty tomb and believed.

Response: *May Your justice last forever.*

Leader: We remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who accompanied the Apostles in prayer at Pentecost.

Response: *May Your justice last forever.*

Leader: We remember St. Stephen, the Church's first martyr, who witnessed to Christ with his life.

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Leader: We remember the widows and orphans whose needs inspired the Apostles to ordain deacons to serve the early Church's poor.

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Leader: We remember Saul, a murderer converted by Christ to serve as His Apostle.

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Leader: We remember Priscilla and Aquila, Junia and Andronicus, Lydia and Phoebe who worked with St. Paul to help the early Church grow.

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Leader: We remember the Apostles, Timothy and Titus who led the Early Church to follow Christ in holiness.

Response: *May Your justice last forever.*

After each invocation, please respond: *Give us hearts that seek Your justice.*

Leader: We remember St Marguerite d'Youville who overcame tremendous obstacles to serve the poor, the sick and the unwanted,

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Leader: We remember Blessed Mother Teresa and all those who continue her legacy of working with the poorest of the poor, the out-casts and neglected,

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Leader: We remember Blessed Archbishop Oscar Romero, whose life was given in the defense of the poor of El Salvador,

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Leader: We remember the prophetic voices like Dorothy Day who was committed to seeing Your face in the poor and forsaken,

Response: *Give us hearts that seek Your justice.*

Leader: We remember all those whose well-lived lives have shaped our own, especially the ones we think of now....[pause]

Response: *Give us hearts that seek Your justice.*

Leader: As we bring to You, Lord, those who continue to live in unacceptable conditions and situations, let our response now be: *Lord, hear our prayer*

Leader: We pray for all who are victims of violence and neglect within their homes,

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer*

Leader: We pray for all who are forced to live with poverty and malnutrition,

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer*

Leader: We pray for all those who give generously to the work of justice and equality in hostels, soup kitchens and other ministries to the disadvantaged,

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer*

Leader: We pray for those yet unborn, that they dedicate their lives in a spirit of justice and service to future generations.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader:

Lord God, we remember all those throughout the ages who have given their lives in service to persons living with injustice. We pray for those who continue to serve their needs. Help us rise to the challenges of the Gospel's call to justice in our lives. May we draw comfort from knowing that You are with us in all that we do. We make this prayer to You in the name of Jesus, Your Son.

And may Almighty God bless us: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen