

Liturgy Guide for Jubilee Sunday

May 18, 2008



This year Jubilee Sunday coincides with Trinity Sunday—the day we celebrate the eternal God and the perfect unity of the Trinity—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus, you opened the eyes of the blind; help us to see the needs and suffering of our sisters and brothers.

Lord have Mercy

Lord Jesus, you made the deaf hear; open our ears to the cry of the poor for freedom from debt and injustice.

Christ Have Mercy

Lord Jesus, you gave yourself to us as food and drink for life. Open our hearts. Do not hold us to our debts, but unchain our fear.

Lord Have Mercy

Opening Prayer

God of hope, We ask for the courage to persevere in our search for justice on debt. We have knocked at the door of those in power and we are afraid that nothing will change. Open their hearts to the spirit of freedom. Open our lives to new ways to be. Show us what it means to be a Jubilee people.

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Prayers of the Faithful

The Church has the right and the duty to play a full part in the creation of a just society, using the means at our disposition and in union with other believers.

1. Let us pray for rulers and heads of governments and of all international organizations, that they might strive ever more for a worldwide solidarity which assures the dignity due to people and peoples, attacking the very roots of injustice and suffering; and that they might implement effective measures to relieve the crushing debt of poorer nations. Hear us, Lord of Justice

Response: Lord of Justice and of Peace, hear our prayer.

2. For poor countries suffering from widespread corruption, often caused by exterior interests but exacerbated by dishonest politicians, we pray that through a renewal of conscience they might achieve a harmonious and transparent management of their affairs. Hear us, Lord of Justice

Response: Lord of Justice and of Peace, hear our prayer.

3. We pray for all those who struggle today for a just and truly human standard of life for everyone. May the Lord help them in their commitment, and may they never be discouraged by the difficulties they face. Hear us, Lord of Justice

Response: Lord of Justice and of Peace, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for the Church throughout the World that we may demonstrate to the world a living, vibrant faith which seeks to include and share and speaks out against the scandal of unjust debt. Hear us, Lord of Justice

Response: Lord of Justice and of Peace, hear our prayer.

Adapted from the White Fathers of the Sahara

Closing Prayer

Loving God who provides for all people at all times; we are encouraged by the signs of hope, compelled by the urgency of injustice. We commit ourselves to works of repentance, reparation and redress. We commit ourselves to find concrete ways to live the Jubilee in our community, our institutions and our world. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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