



The Prayers of the People: Franciscan Prayer

One: O God, bless us with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,

*All: So that we may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.*

One: O God, bless us with holy indignation at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,

*All: So that we may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among humanity.*

One: O God, bless us with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, war or the loss of all that they cherish,

*All: So that You may reach out Your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.*

One: O God, bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we really can make a difference in this world,

*All: So that we are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done to bring justice and kindness to all Your children and to the poor.*

One: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

*All: Through our lives and by our prayers: may your kingdom come!*

*All: (with the \*Sign of the Cross\*): Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen*