

# Prayers

## A Call to Action at Easter

The Israelite prophet Micah said:

"What does the Lord require of you? Only to act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

God of mercy and source of justice,  
pour on your people such love and compassion that

we cannot remain silent,  
we cannot tolerate injustice and poverty.

As your grace fills our hearts  
so may we be stirred into action  
to demonstrate your love for all the world  
and for all creatures that live and move on this earth.

## Prayer of Confession

Forgive us Lord for our apathy,  
for our lack of courage to speak out.  
Forgive us when we walk past and don't offer help.  
Forgive us when we get it wrong.

We confess that we are afraid -  
we don't want to overcome our hidden doubts and prejudices  
in order to be alongside those who are different from ourselves.  
We ask that you would lead us into action:  
give us strength to be a voice crying for justice and peace.  
Help us to step into another person's shoes,  
or if they have no shoes  
then not to be afraid to take off our own,

peel off our preconceptions and assumptions,  
uncurl and spread out our toes, and  
tread in their footprints.

May we be a liberating presence  
and offer love, compassion and whatever is needed  
to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.