



# Social Injustice

## **Hymn: We are here to praise you**

We are here to Praise You,  
Lift our hearts and sing,  
We are here to give you,  
The best that we can bring.  
And it is our love, rising from our hearts,  
Everything within us cry: "Abba Father!"  
Help us now to give you  
Pleasure and delight,  
Heart and mind and will that say:  
I love you Lord.

**Priest: O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine (3 times)**

**All: All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine!**

## **Introduction:**

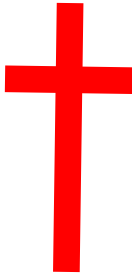
Injustice, exploitation, suppression, oppression, harassment are familiar words which we often encounter in our daily lives. Situations such as these often create a lively atmosphere for gossip or some sort of haphazard action resulting in worsening the situation. Unfortunately it fails to tug at our inner most emotions, feelings of empathy, brotherhood, unity, love.

Injustice whether social, political, religious, economic is rampant and has reached epidemic proportions.

The evil consequence of injustice caused due to economic, political, socio-cultural, legal, geographic and psychological reasons is sometimes irreversible. There is nothing more painful than the spirit of a human person that has been wounded by sexual abuse, torture, bonded labour, verbal abuse, physical exploitation, unsociability, forced poverty and the denial of basic human dignity. Let us now welcome the Holy Spirit.

## **Response: We praise you**

Abba father  
Loving Father  
Everlasting Father  
One Father of all  
Righteous father  
Living Father  
God of truth  
God of hope  
God of salvation  
Merciful God  
God of truth and without Iniquity  
God who supplies our every need  
God of peace  
God the healer  
Lord most upright  
Lord our deliverer  
Lord our refuge



Lord our shield  
Lord our stronghold  
God who saves the upright  
God who arms us with strength  
Lord of righteousness and justice  
Lord whose mercy is never ceasing  
Lord reviver of those troubled  
Lord consoler and comforter of the broken hearted  
Lord, whose judgments are like the great deep  
Lord, whose greatness is unreachable,  
Lord, whose mercies endure forever  
Lord, whose mercies are new every morning  
For Your word, which gives me, comfort in my affliction  
For Your word which gives life  
Lord, who turns the way of the wicked upside down  
Lord who revives the spirit of the humble  
Creator of heaven and earth  
Lord you are good to all and your mercy is over all that you have made  
Lord you increase the strength of all those who have no might  
Lord you preserve the simple and humble of heart  
Lord you have cut into pieces the cords of the wicked  
Lord source of all our knowledge  
Lord you cleanse the sinful heart of men and make him a new creation.  
For this miracle we praise you.

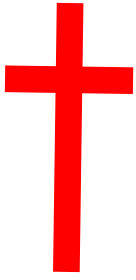
**Adoration: (All Together)**

Lord Jesus, I am a sinner and my iniquities are before you, my secret sins are in the light of your holy countenance. I come with a heavy heart full of sins before your presence. Have mercy on me. Enkindle me with your Holy Spirit; open my inner eyes to see my soul properly. Oh Lord seal up my transgressions and cover up my iniquities. Jesus wash me clean in Your Precious Blood and fill me with your Holy Spirit .I am sorry for my unkind judgments, accusations, condemnations, harsh attitude and lack of charity to those who are in need of compassion, justice and love. As I remove this stone from the channel of your love fill me with your loving peace and healing.

**Hymn: O Lord Furnace of love**

O Lord Furnace of love  
Set our hearts on fire with charity.  
Where there is hatred, let's sow his love.  
Where there is injury, let us show pardon.  
Where there is strife, let us bring His peace.  
Where there is err, truth.

Where there is doubt, let's kindle faith.  
Where there's discouragement  
Let's bring assurance.  
Where there is sadness, let's awaken joy.  
Where there is darkness, light.



### **Penitential Rite: (Response: Lord we ask your pardon and mercy)**

1. For the times we treated the less fortunate of our family with contempt. (R)
2. For our hard heartedness towards those who approached us for help. (R)
3. For the times we ignored the cry of the beggar on the street. (R)
4. For the times we ignored the hungry child or poverty stricken pregnant woman. (R)
5. For the times we treated our house maids like slaves. (R)
6. For the times we were responsible for child labour. (R)
7. For the times we did not help educate the underprivileged child. (R)
8. For the times we stayed aloof and watched when someone was being beaten. (R)
9. For the times we remained mute when we knew that someone was being unjustly condemned. (R)
10. For the times we failed to come to the assistance of the poor students. (R)
11. For the times we failed to understand the pregnant maid's situation. (R)
12. For the times we refused to help those in need. (R)
13. For the times we shut our eyes and ears to the needs of suffering people around us. (R)
14. For the times we did not pray for the suffering people of the world. (R)
15. For the times we treated the poor with malice. (R)
16. For the times we considered ourselves superior to the poor. (R)
17. For the times we unjustly cut the wages of our maids. (R)
18. For the times we refused to give courage and strength to those in need. (R)

### **Hymn: Jesus sets me absolutely free**

**Jesus sets me absolutely free  
Died on Calvary to give me liberty  
Jesus sets me absolutely free  
Praise His name.**

**That's enough to make me sing (2)  
My sins are all forgiven  
And I am on my way to heaven  
That's enough to make me (2)  
That's enough to make me sing  
That's enough to make me  
Shout...dance...clap...leap...**

### **Scripture Reading (Micah 6: 6-16)**

#### **Reflection:**

**Lord Jesus, we condemn you to death even today when we sit with our arms crossed, and do nothing to change the social, economic and political structures of the society, which constantly deny a dignified human existence to our fellow friend. Lord, give us a critical understanding of the realities around us, so that we may actively collaborate with those**

struggling to lighten the burden of their lives, to have a fuller and meaningful human existence.

**Hymn: Make me a channel**

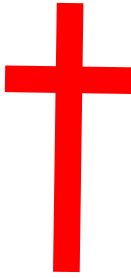
Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love  
Where there is injury your pardon Lord  
And where there's doubt true faith renew.

O Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, Lord your shining light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

**Intercessory Prayers: (Response to be sung: Living waters flow on, sweep away my pain. Bring your healing to their hearts, help them love once again)**

1. We pray for all the poor of our parish and in our neighbourhood who are suffering due to lack of food, shelter, love and care. (R)
2. We pray for the children who suffer due to lack of parental love and understanding. (R)
3. We pray for those who are cheated and robbed of their property. (R)
4. We pray for those who are not welcomed into their own family circle due to poverty and family conflicts. (R)
5. We pray for the sick who are neglected and forgotten in various hospitals and homes. (R)
6. We pray for the aged who suffer embarrassment and neglect at the hands of their own. (R)
7. We pray for all those who are robbed of their right of land and who are tortured and killed. (R)
8. We pray for all those who are forced into abortion. (R)
9. We pray for women who are ill-treated by their husbands and in-laws and are deprived of their right to voice their opinion in the family and society. (R)
10. We pray for all children who are bonded labourers and who do not enjoy the joys and freedom of childhood. (R)
11. We pray for all the young girls who are forced into prostitution due to various circumstances. (R)
12. We pray for all the young girls and boys who are lured by money into a life of sin and shame and find it difficult to escape from their tormenters. (R)
13. We pray for the families of all the missionaries and social workers, who lost their lives working for the upliftment of the poor and trying to protect their rights. (R)
14. We pray for all those who are suffering due lack of timely intervention and protection by the government. (R)



**Hymn: In his time**

**In His time, In His time  
He makes all things beautiful in His time.  
Lord please show me everyday  
As you're teaching me your way  
That you do just what you say in your time.**

**In your time, In Your time  
You make all things beautiful in your time.  
Lord my life to you I bring  
May each song I have to sing  
Be to you a lovely thing in your time.**

**There's a time, there's a time  
Both for sowing and for reaping there's a time.  
Time for losing, time for gain  
Time for joy and time for pain  
Every purpose under heaven has a time.**

**There are times, there are days  
Weeks and months we cannot understand God's ways  
If for years we fail to scan  
What is His eternal plan?  
We'll remember that HE CAN all the time...**

**Thanksgiving Prayer: (All Together)**

**As this hour of adoration is drawing to an end we thank You Father that it was possible for us to be present here to praise you, to worship You, to glorify you and to honour you and intercede for our brothers and sisters all over the world who are suffering from social injustice and poverty in various spheres.**

**We ask you father to purify our minds and hearts in the most holy and Precious Blood of Jesus and fill us with Your Holy Spirit.**

**That we may be worthy to receive your grace and change into a more loving, understanding, outreaching and compassionate people, not only to those in our families but towards all those in need of our assistance. Let our tepid hearts burn with the desire to serve you in the poor and the abandoned.**

**Adoration Hymn: Let us bow in adoration**

**To the Sacrament so great so great  
Here is new and perfect worship  
All the old must terminate  
Senses cannot grasp this marvel  
Faith must serve to compensate  
Glory, honour adoration  
Let us sing with one accord  
Praised be God, almighty Father  
Praise be Christ, his son, Our Lord  
Praise be God, the Holy Spirit  
Triune God head be adored. Amen**



### **Final Blessing (Priest)**

**Celebrant: You have given them bread from heaven.**

**Response: containing in itself all sweetness.**

**Father your will your church to be the sacrament of salvation for all people. Make us feel more urgently the call to work for the salvation of all nations, until you have made us into one people. Inspire the hearts of all to continue the saving work of Jesus everywhere until the end of the world. Grant us this through Christ our lord Amen.**

### **Divine Praises**

**Blessed be God**

**Blessed be His holy name**

**Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man**

**Blessed be the name of Jesus**

**Blessed be His most Sacred Heart**

**Blessed be His most precious blood**

**Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the altar**

**Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete**

**Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy**

**Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception**

**Blessed be glorious assumption**

**Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and Mother**

**Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse**

**Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.**

### **Final Hymn: Whatsoever you do**

**Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers**

**That you do unto me,**

**Whatsoever you do to the least of my sisters**

**That you do unto me!**

**When I was hungry you gave me to eat**

**When I was thirsty you gave me to drink**

**Now enter into the home of my father!**

**When I was weary you helped me find rest**

**When I was anxious you calmed all my fears**

**Now enter into the home of my father!**