



# FAIR, YOU SAY?

## Seeking fairness in an unfair world

HE TIKA, KI TŌ TITIRO? E kimi ana i te tika i tēnei ao ehara i te tika

**Daily Prayers | Ngā Karakia o ia Rā**



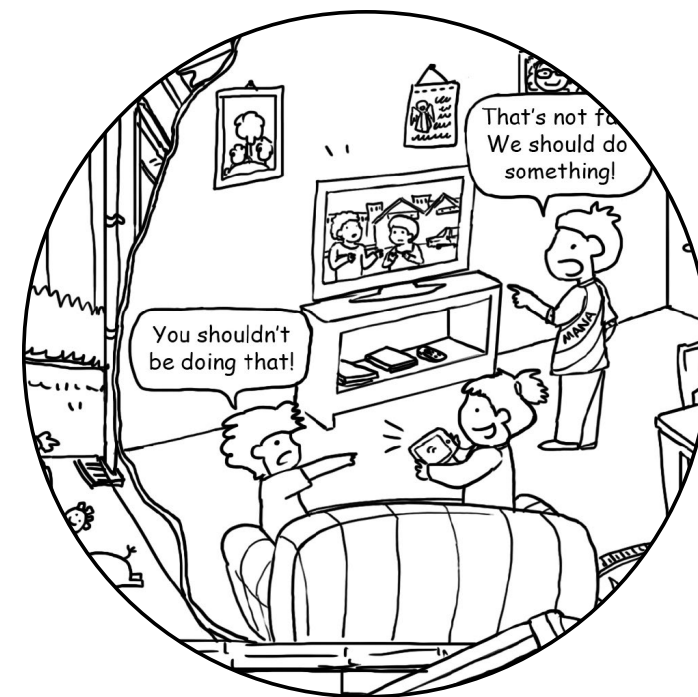
## How to use these prayers

This prayer resource contains 15 prayers that have been written or adapted to be used during Social Justice Week 2019. With the theme of fairness, these prayers are designed to help guide our focus on how the world can be a fairer place where love and justice reign.

Prayers are divided into three sections to cater for the different levels: lower primary (Y1-4), upper primary (Y5-8), and secondary (Y9-13). Five prayers are available for each level, so classes may choose to use one prayer each day.

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**Never abandon prayer, even when it seems pointless to pray.**

– Pope Francis





## Let joy arise

From all that lives below the skies,  
Let faith and hope with joy arise;  
Let beauty, truth and goodness be sung  
Through every land, by every tongue.

Amen.

*Adapted verse from a hymn  
written by Isaac Watts*

**'If we are close to  
[Jesus] we will have  
joy in our hearts and  
a smile on our face.'**

POPE FRANCIS





## Sharing your aroha

E te Atua o te aroha,  
God of love,  
I have caused others to be sad at times  
when I've treated people badly  
just because they are a bit different.  
Forgive my words and actions.  
Help me to be more like Jesus.  
I want to bring a smile,  
caring words,  
and helping hands.  
Help me to be fair to all  
and to share your love.  
Amen.

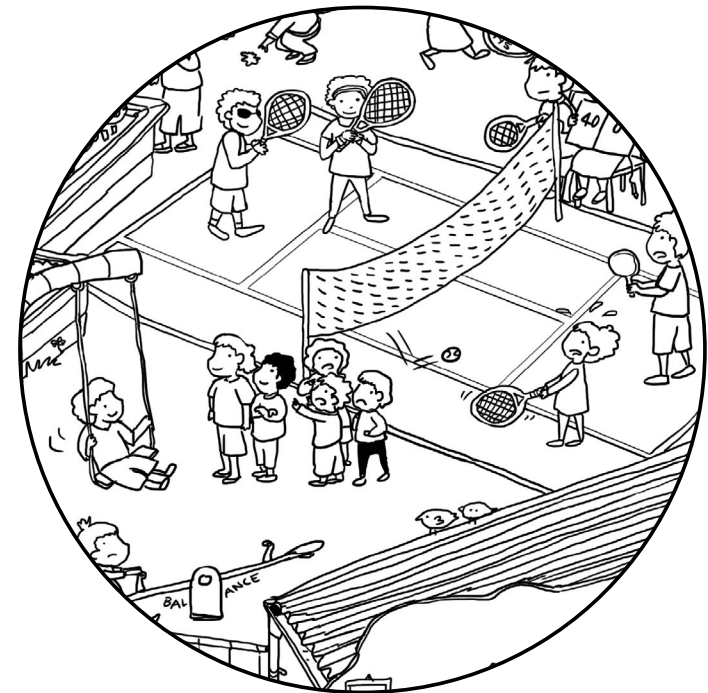
**'Lord Jesus, make us  
capable of loving as  
you love'**

POPE FRANCIS



# Fair

E te Atua o te aroha,  
God of love,  
Help me to be fair in all that I do;  
Fair and kind with my words and actions.  
Fair, when people may hurt me.  
Fair, when I play games.  
Fair, by sharing when I can.  
Fair, by thanking those who deserve it.  
Fair, at home and at school.  
Fair, even when it may not be  
my first thought.  
Help me to do the right thing every day.  
With your love.  
Amen.





## Prayer for others

God of Justice,  
 E te Atua o te Tika,  
 Open our eyes to see you  
 in the faces of others.  
 Open our ears to hear you  
 in the cries of those who struggle.  
 Remind us  
 that what we do  
 to the least of us,  
 we do to you.  
 Āmene.

*Adapted from a prayer by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

**‘You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. This is how prayer works.’**

POPE FRANCIS



## Shared by all

E te Ariki o te taiao,  
Lord of creation,  
You created the world to be shared by all.  
Thank you for everything we enjoy.  
We pray for those  
who don't get a fair share.  
Those without food.  
Those without water.  
Those without homes.  
Those without healthcare.  
Those without.  
Enable us to change the world  
so that your world  
can be shared by all.  
Amen.





# Equality

How much do we need?  
How much can we hold?  
How much can we share?

Teach us Lord, to know abundance.  
Teach us Lord, to respect the harvest.  
Teach us Lord, to multiply our gifts.

Whether we are widows or leaders.  
Whether we are teachers or students.

Whether we are nine or ninety.  
Bring us to your table together  
so that we can break bread together, Lord.  
Even more, be bread for one another.

*Joseph Donnelly, Caritas Internationalis*







# Prayer for fair trade

As I enter the street market,  
wheel my trolley at the supermarket,  
leaf through a catalogue, or log on to the internet:

be with me and help me.  
When I spend money  
be with me and help me  
to see the market place as you see it;  
as wide as the world you love so much.

E te Atua,  
be with us and help us  
to share the markets we enjoy  
for all people.

As we live under your steady gaze,  
so we can change, by your gracious love.

Amen.

*Adapted from a prayer by Christian Aid*





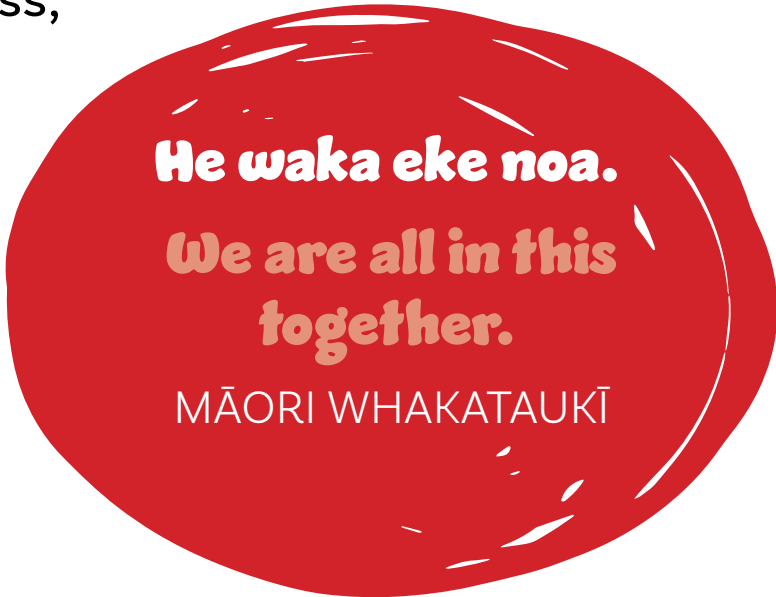
## Side by side

E te Atua o te aroha,  
God of love,  
Give us the courage and compassion to walk with others.  
Side by side.

Help us to overcome our own competitiveness;  
we don't always need to lead or win.  
Help us to slow down and enjoy time  
with others in harmony and peace.

Teach us the joy  
of simply 'being with'  
our brothers and sisters.

Amen.





# Justice for all

Father, e te Matua,  
You have given all peoples one common origin.  
It is your will that they be gathered together  
as one family in yourself.

Fill the hearts of mankind with the fire of your love  
and with the desire to ensure justice for all.  
By sharing the good things you give us,  
may we secure an equality  
for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world.  
May there be an end to division, strife and war.  
May there be a dawning of a truly human society  
built on love and peace.

We ask this in the name of Hēhu Karaiti, our Lord.  
Amen.

Adapted from [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

**Justice without love  
is not justice.  
Love without justice  
is not love.**  
MOTHER TERESA



# Responding in love

E te Atua o te arohanui,  
Forgiving God,  
Thank you for loving me just as I am.  
I know that I'm not perfect  
and haven't always treated people fairly.  
Forgive me for all the times  
when I have hurt others.

Fill me with your aroha  
so that I can forgive others  
when they upset me.  
So that I do to others  
what I'd want them to do to me.

Help me to be a person  
who is known for kindness,  
caring words,  
and memorable actions  
that promote justice and fairness.

Amen.

**Do to others what  
you would want  
them to do to you.**

MATTHEW 7:12





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# We look to you

Father, creator of abundance,  
Grant us generosity in sharing our gifts and resources  
with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Jesus, Lord who lightens burdens,  
May we look with mercy on nations burdened by debt  
and commit ourselves to their relief.

Spirit of Justice,  
May the love and equality you share  
with the Father and the Son  
inspire us to support just trade policies  
that lift up those living in poverty.

Blessed Trinity, communion of love,  
Help us to love our global neighbours  
and those displaced from their homes  
by welcoming refugees and immigrants  
and reducing poverty in other countries.

Father, through your Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Help us to recognize your face in all those affected by global poverty  
and fill us with the love and fortitude we need to confront its causes.

Amen.

*Adapted from a prayer by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

**For I was hungry  
and you gave me  
something to eat, I was thirsty  
and you gave me something to  
drink, I was a stranger and you  
invited me in, I needed clothes and you  
clothed me, I was sick and you looked  
after me, I was in prison and you  
came to visit me.**

MATTHEW 25:35-37





# We are God's people

We are God's people.  
We are rich, we are poor,  
we are young, we are old,  
we are male, we are female,  
we are in-between,  
we are disabled, we are sick,  
we are healthy, we are unborn,  
we are all races and cultures.

O God, e te Atua,  
Fill us with your spirit of unity.  
Abolish the destructive forces of hate,  
prejudice, racism, physical and verbal abuse,  
abortion, murder, and euthanasia.  
Break down the barriers that divide us.  
Fill us with your loving spirit  
and an appreciation for the value of each and every life.

Amen.

*Adapted from the Catholic Youth Bible, p.1333*





## Send us your Spirit

Jesus, e Hēhu Karaiti, send us your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth.  
You know our strengths and weaknesses.  
Transform us into messengers of your Gospel  
for those who yearn for you.

Jesus, e Hēhu Karaiti, send us your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth.  
You know our history,  
with its beautiful and painful experiences.  
Help us to be untiring promoters of a society  
based on love, justice and peace.

Jesus, e Hēhu Karaiti, send us your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth.  
You know our longing for love and community.  
Make us instruments of unity and service,  
especially for those who are weak  
and those who are lonely.

Amen.

*Adapted from the Catholic Youth Bible, p.1267*





# Prayer for generosity

*E te Ariki, kua titiro koe ki tōku nohinohinga.  
He tangata mate ahau, ā kua whakaora koe i ahau.  
He tangata rawakore ahau,  
ā nui ngā taonga i tukua mai e koe ki ahau.  
He aha te mea e whakahokia e ahau ki ā koe,  
te tōku Atua, mō ōu mea pai katoa i homai ki ahau?  
E karanga ahau ki tōu ingoa tapu;  
ā ekore e mutu i ahau te waiata ki ōu atawhai.*

Dear Lord, teach me to be generous;  
teach me to serve you as you deserve to be served,  
to give and not count the cost,  
to fight and not heed the wounds,  
to toil and not seek any rest,  
to labour and not seek any reward  
except that of feeling that I am doing your will.

*From Ko Ngā Karakia o Te Miha me ngā Himene  
(Māori – English Mass book, 1999)*

**Lord, help us to  
live the virtue of  
generosity, to love  
without limits.**

POPE FRANCIS







# For those...

O God, e te Atua, we pray for all those in our world who are suffering from injustice:  
 For those who are discriminated against because of their race, colour or religion;  
 For those imprisoned for those working for the relief of oppression;  
 For those who are hounded for speaking the inconvenient truth;  
 For those tempted to violence as a cry against overwhelming hardship;  
 For those deprived of reasonable health and education;  
 For those suffering from hunger and famine;  
 For those too weak to help themselves and who have no one else to help them;  
 For the unemployed who cry out for work but do not find it.  
 Forgive us, Lord, if we unwittingly share in the conditions or in a system that perpetuates injustice.  
 Show us how we can serve and make your love practical every single day.

*Adapted from a prayer by Mother Teresa*

