

Litany - OSJ Offering Sunday 2017

Based on Psalm 10, Today's New International Version

“Why oh Lord do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?”

God of the nations, of the poor, and of us: See your world suffering in increasing violence against humans and against creation, dying from from famine, awash in refugees. We are shaken and afraid. Where are you?

“In their arrogance, the wicked hunt down the weak catching them in the schemes they devise.”

God of justice, give us eyes to see the hunted – and the hunters, minds to understand the schemes, hearts soaked in compassion, and hands to participate in your plan to set the world aright. You are waiting for us.

“The innocent are crushed, they collapse; they fall victim to superior strength”

God of mercy, hear the cries of the hungry, the refugees, the trafficked, the persecuted, the scapegoats, the tortured, prisoners, and the despised. Deliver them. Redeem your creation and end its suffering. Bring release, sight, and gladness once more. You are present with the poor.

“The Lord is King for ever and ever; the nations will perish from his land”

God of all power, intervene in the wars and conflicts that plague us: Sudan, Somalia, Syria, Nigeria, and the deep divisions among ourselves. Your kingdom is coming and we are its citizens - your people - first, foremost, and always. As citizens of your kingdom may we be a presence and promoters of peace and justice in your world.

“You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, so that mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror.”

Redeemer, savior God, we rest in your promises. We rejoice in the prospect of your new order when all your sons and daughters have equal worth, where all have what they need, when all see your glory, and no one, no one, is ever terrified again.

You are the reason for our fellowship. You are present in our hope. You are the light of our world.

