

## **Global justice prayer stations: SOLIDARITY WALL**

***“To pray is to include.”***

(*Orar es incluir*, from a poster in a health clinic in El Salvador)

### **ACTION**

Look at the prayer wall.

On it there are the starts of prayers by different people.

Take time to read some of them

### **PRAYER**

Choose one of the prayers that has been started.

Add your own line or two, joining your prayer with that of others.

If you feel inspired to do so, write the rest of the prayer or begin one of your own.

Feel free to add to more than one prayer.

## **Global justice prayer stations:** **NEWSPAPER PRAYER**

*Every day, we're bombarded with information from around the world. Sometimes there are so many stories that we close our eyes to what is happening.*

### **ACTION**

Pick a paper at random.

Take some time to flick through it.

When a story, a picture, a headline takes your eye, look at it.

### **PRAYER**

Pray for the people involved, the country, the situation.

Draw or write a prayer over the article, or highlight parts of it.

When you are ready, rip out that story or picture and place it in prayer  
In front of the candle.

## **Global justice prayer stations: MAP OF THE WORLD PRAYER 1**

*How often do we really look at the shape of the world? I mean, REALLY look?*

### **ACTION**

Look at outline of the world in front of you.

The shapes of continents and countries.

The ragged edges created over millions of years into the unique shapes we see today.

Country borders decided by history and politics.

### **PRAYER**

Choose a country, either at random or one that means something to you.

Pray for that country and its people.

As you do so, light a candle as a sign of your prayer and place it on the country's outline.

## **Global justice prayer stations: MAP OF THE WORLD PRAYER 2**

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### **ACTION**

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Country borders decided by history and politics.

### **PRAYER**

Choose a country, either at random or one that means something to you.

Pray for that country and its people.

As you pray, colour in that country, continuing to pray for it.

## **Global justice prayer stations: WE ARE ONE BODY**

*“Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free— and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”*

From St Paul’s first letter to the community in Corinth  
(1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

### **ACTION**

You’re invited to step into the body.

Have a look around at some of the people who are a part of the Body of Christ - people from throughout the world.

Take time to have a really good look at them.

### **PRAYER**

As you look at one of the images, hold that person before God.

Then take one of the silver pieces of card. Look at your reflection. You, too, are a special part of the Body of Christ. Realise that you are special, loved and cherished by God.

Use a marker to write your name across the piece of card and leave it as part of the Body of Christ.

Take a prayer card and pray it before leaving.

## **Global justice prayer stations:** **ROMERO CROSS PRAYER**

*Romero crosses come from El Salvador in Latin America. They are crosses illustrated with images of community life from where the cross was made, with Christ at the centre, a sign of his presence at the heart of the community.*

### **ACTION**

Either take one of the Romero Cross outlines to colour in, or a blank cross to draw your own.

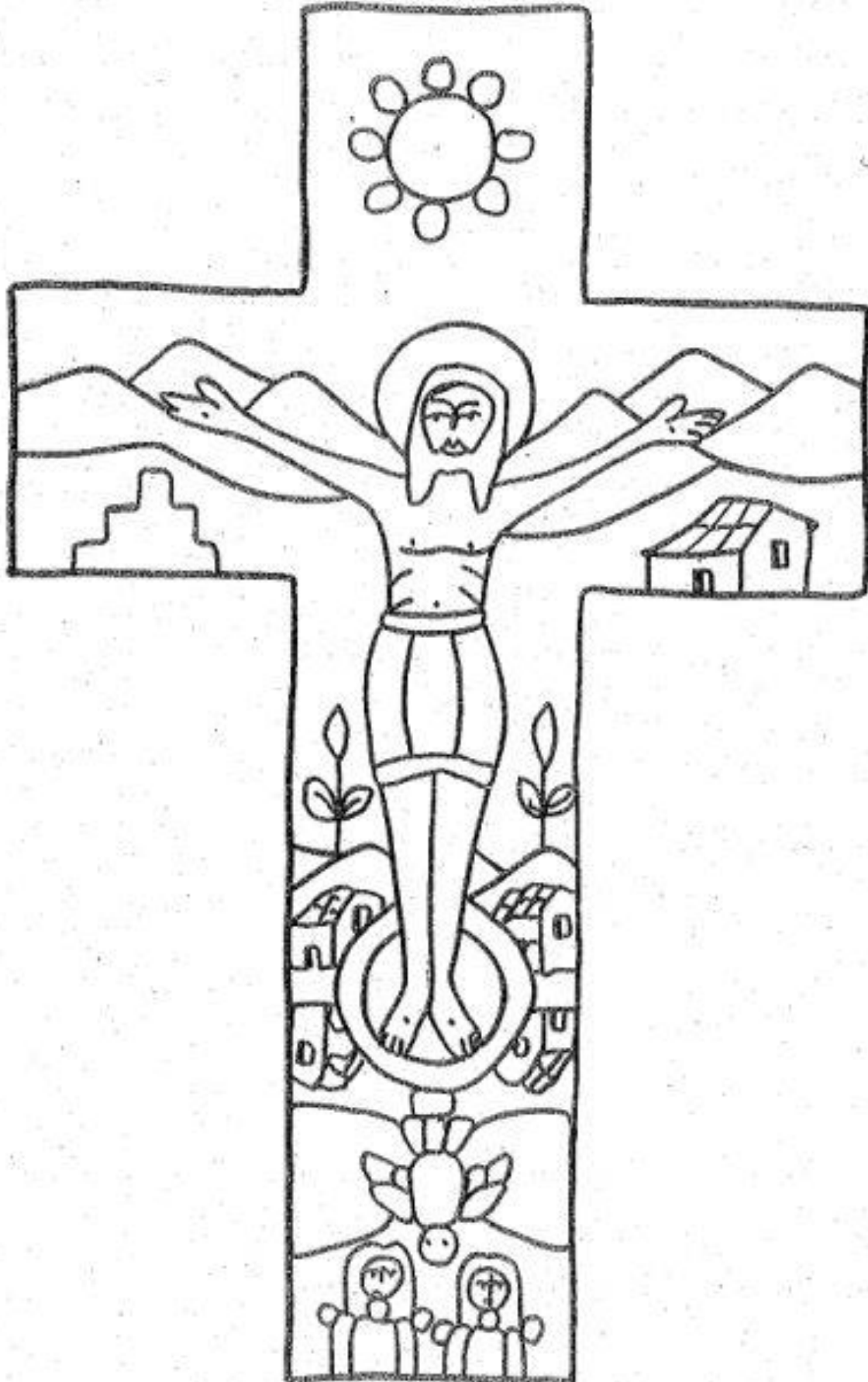
### **PRAYER**

As you colour in the cross, pray for the people of El Salvador.

There is some extra information on life in El Salvador to inspire your prayer, and a presentation about the life of Oscar Romero to reflect on.

Alternatively, draw your own Romero Cross. Draw Christ at the centre, and then images of those people and things special to you around it, praying for them as you do so.

# Global justice prayer stations: **ROMERO CROSS PRAYER**



## **Global justice prayer stations:** **GLOBAL PRAYER POETRY**

*It's a bit like fridge poetry!*

### **ACTION**

Look at all the words in front of you, lain out at random.

Do any jump out at you?

Can you easily put two or three together to say something?

### **PRAYER**

Use the words to express short prayers.

Put 2, 3, 7 words together as a prayer. Or you could make a whole sentence, or create a prayer in the form of a poem using the words.

There are a few blank cards in case you need an extra word or two.

When you're happy with your prayer, add it to the wall.

Or can you add a word or two to someone else's prayer already on the wall?



## Global justice prayer stations: GLOBAL PRAYER POETRY

God	Jesus	justice
peace	development	people
world	hope	dignity
respect	love	equality
environment	we	they
share	fullness	those
I	a	me
same	commit	others
guide	support	inspire
it	more	friends
heart	hand	feet
be	grow	cherish

## Global justice prayer stations: GLOBAL PRAYER POETRY

here	now	place
some	simply	live
of	seven	billion
with	share	world
global	life	health
climate	name	place
loving	care	guide
hold	with	even
joy	you	the
the	a	meet
through	Christ	our
Lord	Amen	a

## **Global justice prayer stations:** **LECTIO DIVINA**

*We believe the Bible is the Word of God  
which continues to speak to us today.*

### **ACTION**

Choose one of the Scripture passages which are around you.

### **PRAYER**

Read the passage through slowly.

Then read it again.

You may wish to close your eyes and continue to think about the words.

What are they saying to you?

What might the people who first heard this passage have thought?

Read the passage once more.

What is the passage saying to the world today?

Pray about whatever comes to you from the passage.

## Global justice prayer stations: **LECTIO DIVINA: Old Testament references**

*Scripture displays a strong concern for justice in the world. Select from this list of justice-centred biblical passages for the Lectio Divina prayer station.*

Genesis 1.1-31 | God creates the world; humans are called to be stewards of the earth.

Exodus 3.1-20 | God is a liberator; Moses is sent to free the People of God from oppression.

Exodus 22.21-27 | Justice is required toward strangers, orphans, widows and neighbours.

Exodus 23.6-8 | Legal systems must be fair.

Leviticus 19.9-18 | Love your neighbour as yourself.

Leviticus 19.32-36 | Respect for foreigners and the elderly; be honest in business.

Leviticus 25.8-17 | God wants the jubilee year and economic restoration.

Leviticus 25.23-28 | The land is the Lord's; humans are guests.

Leviticus 25.35-38 | Give support to poor people

Deuteronomy 15.1-15 | God gives laws on cancellation of debts and release of slaves; let there be no poor people among you.

Deuteronomy 26.12-13 | Paying tithes shows concern for people who are poor.

Deuteronomy 30 | Choosing the Lord means choosing life.

Psalms 9.7-12, 18 | God is a just ruler.

Psalms 25.6-18 | God hears and protects just people.

Psalms 65.9-13 | God cares for creation.

Proverbs 19.17 | Helping poor people is helping God.

Proverbs 21.13 | Do not ignore the cry of poor people.

Proverbs 31.8-9 | Speak out for those who have no voice.

Isaiah 11.1-9 | God's servant brings justice.

Isaiah 32.16-20 | The effect of justice will be peace.

Isaiah 42.1-7 | God calls us for the victory of justice.

Isaiah 61.1-3 | The Messiah's mission of justice

Jeremiah 7.1-11 | The Temple is not a place for doers of evil.

Jeremiah 22.13-17 | To know the Lord is to act justly.

Ezekiel 34 | Leaders and authorities have obligations.

Amos 5.10-15 | Do what is right; establish justice.

Micah 4.1-4 | In God's reign of peace, swords shall be beaten into ploughshares.

Micah 6.8 | Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly.

Zechariah 7.9-10 | Show one another kindness and mercy.

## Global justice prayer stations: **LECTIO DIVINA: New Testament references**

Matthew 5.1-12 | Jesus preaches the Beatitudes.

Matthew 5.13-16 | You are the light of the world.

Matthew 5.38-48 | You must love your enemies.

Matthew 6.1-4 | Seek no praise for your generosity.

Matthew 6.19-21 | Your real treasure is in your heart.

Matthew 6.24-34 | Seek first the Kingdom of God.

Matthew 11.2-6 | The Messiah is recognised by acts of justice.

Matthew 25.31-46 | What we do for our neighbours, we do for Christ.

Mark 9.35; 10.42-45 | To be first, become servant for all.

Mark 10.17-31 | The rich young man is challenged.

Mark 12.41-44 | The widow's offering is greater than that of the rich man.

Luke 1.46-55 | Mary praises God, who exalts the poor and lowers the rich.

Luke 3.10-18 | John the Baptist calls for sharing and honesty

Luke 4.16-30 | Jesus' mission of liberation.

Luke 14.7-14 | All who exalt themselves will be humbled

Luke 15.1-7 | Jesus responds to criticism that he welcomes outcasts.

Luke 16.19-31 | Story of Lazarus and the rich man.

Luke 19.7-9 | Zacchaeus meets Jesus.

John 13.1-17 | Jesus washes the disciples' feet.

Acts 2.43-47; 4.32-35 | The early Christians ensure no-one is in need.

Acts 6.1-6 | Deacons were appointed to serve.

Acts 10.34-35 | God shows no partiality.

Romans 12.3-21 | All are one in Christ; our behaviour should demonstrate unity.

Romans 14.17-19 | The kingdom of God consists of justice, peace and joy.

1 Corinthians 12.12-27 | In the Christian community, if one suffers, all suffer; if one benefits, all benefit.

1 Corinthians 13 | Love is the lifestyle of a Christian.

2 Corinthians 8.1-15 | Share with needy people; Christ became poor so we could be enriched.

Galatians 3.28 | We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 6.2 | Bear one another's burdens.

Galatians 6.9-10 | Never grow weary of doing good.

Philippians 2.1-11 | Be a servant, like Christ.

Colossians 3.9-17 | Clothe yourself in a new self, made in the image of God.

1 Timothy 6.17-19 | Rich people should not be proud

Hebrews 13.1-3 | Welcome strangers and remember those who are in prison.

James 1.22-27 | Be doers of the word not just hearers

James 2.14-17 | Faith must be accompanied by action.

James 5.1-6 | Unjust riches cause misery.

1 Peter 4.7-11 | Let your gifts serve others.

1 John 4.7-21 | We cannot love God without loving our neighbour.

Revelation 21.1-6 | In the new heaven and the new earth, death has no dominion.

## **Global justice prayer stations:** **SONGS FOR ONE WORLD**

*“Music can  
change the world  
because it can  
change people.”  
Bono*

### **ACTION**

Put in your earphones and search for a track to listen to that makes you think about the world.

If you can't think of one, try “Sit down” by James, or “Shining light” by Ash. (See the sheets nearby)

### **PRAYER**

Listen to the song.

What words or phrases stand out for you?

Reflect on the words. What are they saying to you?

What inspiration for prayer do they give you?

Use the song as your prayer.

## **Global justice prayer stations:** **SONGS FOR ONE WORLD**

### **SHINING LIGHT, ASH**

Roman candles that burn in the night  
Yeah, you are a shining light  
You lit a torch in the infinite  
Yeah, you are a shining light  
Yeah, you light up my life

Yeah, you are a shining light  
A constellation once seen  
Over Royal David's city  
An epiphany you burn so pretty  
Yeah, you are a shining light

You are a force,  
you are a constant source  
Yeah, you are a shining light  
Yeah, you light up my life  
Yeah, you are a shining light  
Yeah, you light up my life

Yeah you are a shining light  
Incandescent in the darkest night  
Yeah you are shining light  
I've seen you draped  
in an electric veil  
Shrouded in celestial light

We made our connection  
A full on chemical reaction  
Brought by dark divine intervention  
Yeah, you are a shining light  
A constellation once seen  
Over Royal David's city  
An epiphany you burn so pretty

*“Sometimes it falls on a  
generation to be great.  
You can be that generation.  
Let your greatness blossom.”*  
Nelson Mandela

*“We are that great generation.  
We just need to use it to  
change the world.”*  
17 year old CAFOD supporter

*You are the light of the  
world... Let your light shine  
before others, so that seeing  
your good works they give  
glory to your Father in  
heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

**How have you been a part of “that great generation”?**

**How can you continue to be a light that shines before others?**

**How can you encourage others to let their light shine?**

**Pray to God for inspiration, strength and guidance.**

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### **SIT DOWN, JAMES**

I'll sing myself to sleep  
A song from the darkest hour  
Secrets I can't keep  
Inside of the day  
Swing from high to deep  
Extremes of sweet and sour  
Hope that God exists  
I hope I pray

Drawn by the undertow  
My life is out of control  
I believe this wave will bear my  
weight  
So let it flow

Oh sit down  
Sit down next to me  
Sit down, down, down, down, down  
In sympathy

Now I'm relieved to hear  
That you've been to some far out  
places  
It's hard to carry on  
when you feel all alone  
Now I've swung back down again  
it's worse than it was before  
If I hadn't seen such riches  
I could live with being poor

Oh sit down  
Sit down next to me  
Sit down, down, down, down, down  
In sympathy

Those who feel the breath of  
sadness, sit down next to me  
Those who find they're touched by  
madness, sit down next to me  
Those who find themselves  
ridiculous, sit down next to me  
In love, in fear, in hate, in tears

*“Solidarity is not a vague  
feeling of compassion or  
shallow distress at the  
misfortunes of so many  
people, both near and far...  
It is a firm and persevering  
determination to commit  
oneself to the common good;  
...the good of all and each  
individual, because we are all  
really responsible for all.”*

John Paul II,  
On Social Concern, 1987

***Sit down next to me...*** who are the people you  
sit down with in solidarity?

**How might you show solidarity to people in  
your local community?**

**How might you show solidarity to people in the  
global community?**

**Pray for someone, even if you don't know their  
name. Hold them before God.**