

For children affected by AIDS

To play, to learn, to have food and health.

To be loved, secure and safe.

These are the rights of every child,

rights robbed by a virus and

robbed twice over in countries crippled by debt

and paralysed by trade rules designed to benefit the rich and powerful

Loving God, vanquish our complacency

at our injustice to these your children.

Remove all traces of empty conscience-salving charity.

Make us, instead, committed to sharing our resources –

your resources – with those who need them most;

to seeking in justice to remove the debt burdens of the poorest,

to working tirelessly

so that all your children might know again

the joys of playing, learning, living,

loving and being loved.

Ann Smith/CAFOD

Living example of a loving community

We pray for the Church throughout the world that she may be a living example of a loving community, and a voice for those who are hungry for justice.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world's leaders, that they may work to overcome the barriers between peoples

And foster a spirit of global community.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own local community here

We pray for those who feel excluded from our local community, through poverty, disability or illness.

We pray for people affected by HIV and AIDS,

and especially for those excluded from our communities through discrimination and prejudice.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Linda Jones/CAFOD

Hear your people's voices

Creator God, loving Father of us all,
Hear the voices of all your people,
Made in your image

Loved by you, whose triumphs and failures
Are shared by you
Hear the voices of your people.

Hear the voices of those who have a right to a life of dignity,
To be part of your human family where no-one is excluded.
Hear the voices of your people.

Hear the voices of those who have a right to be educated,
To be healthy, fed and sheltered,
Who want to create their own choices and chances in life.

Hear the voices of your people.
Loving Creator, create in us all the will to build a world
Where all your people are heard.
Hear the voices of your people.

Ann Tanswell/CAFOD

Answering God's call

God of hope we ask you
To clothe us in compassion
And enfold us in your love.

Send us out with the joy of Christ
To feed the hungry with good things.

Send us out in the peace of Christ
To prepare a banquet for all peoples.

For you will lift the pall of death
And banish our sorrow.
You will wipe away our tears
And we will dance with joy.

Send us out
There *will* be no more mourning
Send us out
There *will* be no more pain.

God of hope, we hear you
God of life, we will answer your call.

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