

Thursday JUSTICE

The world is always crying for justice—from the prisons, from the streets, from the storms, from the soil, from the ignored, from the stranger. God, help us not to become jaded, judgmental, and apathetic but let these cries compel us to listen, to learn, and to act. Lord, be with our flood victims. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

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Friday ISOLATION

Being alone is not always lonely but for those times when isolation is real, God, make yourself known in a stranger's act of kindness, in a friend's word of presence, in my community's offer of hospitality, and in the promise of your steadfast love. Amen

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Saturday JUDGMENT

As I go through the day, I judge. Sometimes I exercise wisdom, empathy, and good judgment. Other times I inflict arrogance, cynicism, and condescension. God, keep my good judgment from becoming a destructive judgment. And remind me that ultimate judgment belongs to you. Amen.

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Sunday CYNICISM

In the face of change, at words of hope, at stories of joy, God, help me to not first respond with doubt. Grant me wisdom to know what is good and true, and strike from my heart that which doubts all promises of your hope. Amen

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Monday NEWNESS

Sometimes I need a clean slate, a fresh start, a new beginning, new life from a world of death. God, let me embrace your forgiveness so that I may know to the depths of my soul that as I offer brokenness I am made new. Amen

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Tuesday MINDS

People think we are out of our minds. We look into the eyes of those passed on the street. We see the humanity of our greatest enemy. We march. We protest. We love. God, we are not out of our minds, but our minds are right with you. Amen

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Wednesday CHOICE

God, when we see wrong, help us to choose right. When justice demands silence, let me speak. When violence seeks apathy, let me act. When busyness produces chaos, let me find peace. For you guide us and you give us strength to boldly stand, speak, and act. Amen.

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