



Prayer for a Call to Action

God, teach us once again your Spirit of Humility and the beauty of a contrite heart. These days of global pandemic, civic unrest, political pandering, and social dysfunction serve to remind us of our collective calling as stewards of love in a world where the context is ever changing and the challenges daunting.

Despite the swirl of the ages, help us nonetheless to be mindful of and resolute about that which persists and threatens humanity born of your Image, and the existence of a world you created.

In our daily living let us not forget the poor, the disenfranchised, the lame and broken. Weave through our words with each other concern about the destructive power of discrimination, inequality, and unmerited pride. Revive within us your Vision of a beloved global community and help us to embrace and honor all the diversity you intended when you crafted our bodies out of clay and breathed life into us.

Even when this same world seeks to close its ears, shelter its eyes, or claims disinterest give us the gift of your Wisdom to speak truth, compassion, and justice in ways that penetrate all defenses. Let our voices be joined with those who cry out against any force that would deny freedom and the right to be Human. Take our energy into the streets and back alleys, into big cities and rural villages, and let it be like a thunderous presence and a sign of the transformation of a world where all of us are truly joined with You.

It is in this Spirit of Holiness that we ask your Blessing.

Amen.

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