

+ MORNING PRAYER +

OPENING CALL TO PRAYER -

MEDITATIVE SONG: Praise the Lord, always.
Sun and moon, praise the Lord!
Earth and sky, praise the Lord!
My soul, praise the Lord!

READING: The Pact Between God and the Poor
- Taken from "Jesus, the Stranger"
by Fr. Joseph Donders

RESPONSE TO READING:

Right Side: Blessed are you if you have compassion
on the poor and rejected people in our
world.

Response: God of Justice, hear our prayer!

Left Side: Blessed are you if you possess only
what you need, not what you want, and
share everything else with those who
have less. (Response)

Right Side: Blessed are you if you feel pain at
events, policies, structures that
destroy the dignity of people,
depriving them of their needs and
human rights. (Response)

Left Side: Blessed are you if you reject violence
in all its forms and rely on the power
of love and truth as a way to actively
resist social evil. (Response)

Right Side: Blessed are you if you are so passionately
committed to the promotion of justice that
you are willing to be imprisoned for its
sake. (Response)

Left Side: Blessed are you if you forgive your
enemies and break down all artificial
barriers between yourself and others.
(Response)

Right Side: Blessed are you if your love is selfless
and your commitment to God and a trans-
formed world is single-minded.
(Response)

Left Side: Blessed are you if you suffer for the
sake of peace, peace in your heart, in
your relationships and in our world.
(Response)

Right Side: Blessed are you if you experience per-
secution, rejection, imprisonment for
the sake of the Gospel. (Response)

CLOSING PRAYER:

Leader: Lord God, we know that You always hear the
cry of the poor. We ask that You heal those
who suffer.

All: Raise up men and women among us to be signs
of hope, who will help to create the systems
and structures that will be sources of life.
We ask Your Blessing upon us as we gather
here today to reflect on the hungers of human
families in our world.

May we never grow complacent in the face of
suffering.

As we come to You poor in spirit, may we be
filled with the riches that only You can give.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Take the Time