

Sample Litany

Leader: We have been called out for a purpose: to be a light for justice, to be makers of peace, to be sowers of the seeds of new life. We are part of God's family—our fathers and mothers in the faith were also called to participate in God's plan to bring good news to the poor and delivery to the oppressed.

We remember Moses, who brought God's message of deliverance and led the Hebrews out of slavery.

Through Moses we see God's justice breaking through.

We remember Rahab, who had the courage to shelter Joshua's men from danger.

Through Rahab we see God's justice breaking through.

We remember Gideon, who led the Israelites out of oppression and back into relationship with Yahweh.

Through Gideon we see God's justice breaking through.

We remember Deborah, a woman who organized the Israelites to overthrow their enemies and brought a time of peace for God's people.

Through Deborah we see God's justice breaking through.

We remember Ruth, a foreigner and widow who sacrificed her own safety to be faithful to her family and to God.

Through Ruth we see God's justice breaking through.

We remember Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and all the prophets who braved fear, isolation, and personal oppression in order to call Israel to live lives of justice.

Through the prophets we see God's justice breaking through.

We remember Esther, who implored for mercy and risked her life to save her people.

Through Esther we see God's justice breaking through.

We remember Nehemiah, who advocated to the leaders to stop their oppression of the poor and vulnerable.

Through Nehemiah we see God's justice breaking through.

We remember John the Baptist, who proclaimed the reign of God at the cost of his life.

Through John we see God's justice breaking through.

We remember Mary, a poor young woman who said "yes" to what seemed impossible and bore a son named Jesus.

Through Mary we see God's justice breaking through.

We remember Joseph, who did the right thing and cared for Mary and her Savior son.

Through Joseph we see God's justice breaking through.

We remember the blind, sick, deaf, disabled, and grieving people whom Jesus healed, and through those healings showed us the signs of God's kingdom.

Through the faith of Jesus's followers we see God's justice breaking through.

We remember Mary Magdalene, a women who broke the boundaries of propriety and announced the Lord's resurrection to the apostles.

Through Mary we see God's justice breaking through.

We remember the early church apostles who noticed the suffering of widows and orphans and who called on deacons to serve them.

Through the apostles we see God's justice breaking through.

We remember Paul, who heard the voice of God and turned from a life of violence and hatred toward a life of love and reconciliation.

Through Paul we see God's justice breaking through.

May we too allow God's justice to break through. In the big and the small choices of our lives, may we be near those who are oppressed, may we find ways to deliver those who are captive to injustice, and may we be a part of the great hope of God's coming kingdom.

Through our lives may we see God's justice breaking through. Amen.

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