

CHRISTIAN NETWORK AGAINST CASTE DISCRIMINATION



INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

PLEASE USE THESE BIDDING PRAYERS IN YOUR PARISH AT MASS, IN PRAYER GROUPS OR IN YOUR OWN PERSONAL PRAYER.

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world including our Dalit sisters and brothers. Enlighten the minds of all Christians, so that we may use our positions to work with careful conscience to bring about God's kingdom on earth. Lord, in your mercy...

Loving God, who makes all things possible, we pray that you may open our hearts so that with true understanding, we might recognise the gifts you have given to all our sisters and brothers. Help us to treat all members of our Church with respect and dignity, so all can use their talents for the benefit of our Church. Lord, in your mercy...

FOR THE WORLD

We pray for all the churches, non-government organisations, Dalit movements, and human rights movements, such as the Christian Network Against Caste Discrimination, which work in solidarity to challenge governments and societal structures and attitudes that abuse people due to caste, class and colour. Give them strength, wisdom and guidance to be your instruments. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for all leaders around the world. Grant them loving wisdom to believe in fellowship and mutual respect. Give them a sensitivity towards those facing oppression due to their caste and courage to stand up against injustice. Lord, in your mercy...

FOR THOSE IN NEED

We pray for children and young people from Dalit and other marginalised communities. May their endurance in the face of stigma and discrimination shine forth and become fruitful. We pray that they are given every support and opportunity to flourish in their vocations. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for those whose self-esteem and confidence has been knocked due to discrimination and persecution. May they be recognised as the children of God that they are. Give them the courage and strength to face the daily obstacles that are unfairly imposed on them. Lord, in your mercy...

FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

We pray that all in our community may recognise the positions of power and influence they have to bring about positive change in the world. Enlighten our minds to do your will and to walk in solidarity with those who suffer from persecution and oppression. Lord, in your mercy...

Loving God, we know that you are with us in our struggles. Help us to not only face the sometimes-harsh realities of our own lives, but to help us to use these experiences to empathise and open our hearts to the struggles of those facing suffering and discrimination within our community. Lord, in your mercy...