

Message Notes

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Act Justly (Micah 6:1-8)
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■ The _____ frees people both _____ & _____. (Lk 4:18-19)

■ God has _____ shown us what He _____ & what is _____.

What God Wants

■ The people ask what religious _____ will make God _____. (vv.6-7)

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

■ God has always wanted _____ not _____. (1 Sam 15:22)

The God of Justice

■ Justice is described as _____ & _____. (Dt 24:17)

■ It is *because* God is _____ that He _____ all _____. (Is 61:8)

■ *Injustice* is a _____ involving the _____ of _____. (Ecc 3:16, 4:1; Mt 23:23)

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after
orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the
world. James 1:27

■ God isn't interested in religious _____ w/o _____ action.

Fighting Injustice Today

① _____ yourself of the _____ in our _____ & _____.

② _____ for a specific _____: the _____, widows & orphans,
_____, the _____, slavery, _____, the wrongly _____.

③ _____! God's called _____ to be His _____ of justice in this world. (Is 1:17)

■ Will I take _____ to _____ in my life? (Is 58:1-11; Lk 18:7-8)

Lord,

We now turn our thoughts to those in need
There are so many for whom the gift of life has
become a burden.

"Plunge us deep into a sense of sadness at the
pain of our sister and brothers inflicted by war,
prejudice, injustice, indifference, that we may
learn again to cry as a child until our tears
baptize us into people who touch with care."

(Loder: Guerillas of Grace)

Lord, have mercy

We touch now in prayer those close to us
Those whose physical pain smothers their joy
Whose bodies ache to be released from illness...

Lord, have mercy

For those who in marriages chant battle songs
Rather than songs of tender love...

Lord, have mercy

For children whose sense of self Has become
confused with the values of the world And for
parents who struggle to lead them in your way...

Lord, have mercy

We pray for those in our city and nation God,
The homeless, the poor, the downtrodden
Forgive us Lord, for not seeing you in them
And for the misuse of our resources

Which are all yours anyway...

Lord, have mercy

For the women and children Lord,
Whose bodies are sold for sensuality
And whose hearts are prisoners of self-hate...

Lord, have mercy

For babies abandoned
Mouths craving mother's milk
Hearts craving a mother's embrace...

Lord, have mercy

For those who have been possessed by evil
And who stagnate in prison while waiting
To know the deliverance of your salvation...

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Lord, have mercy

For the politicians and city workers, Lord
(maybe change to government workers?)
Who daily live between The tension of
self-service and Care for this city.... (change
to nation?)

Lord, have mercy

Lord, we lift up our brothers and sisters
world-wide...
For those who are persecuted for their faith
For the suffering church...

Lord, have mercy

For those whose homes have been erased by
flood
Whose resources have dried up from drought
Or have been swallowed by nature's rebellion...

Lord, have mercy

For those in bondage Lord
Who live in the tyranny of evil leaders
And the fear of facing the guns....

Lord, have mercy

For the millions of refugees
Who cannot return home and
Who cannot be at home where they are . . .

Lord, have mercy

Lord, we confess both our ignorance and
Our indifference to the pain that inflicts this
world It is much easier to cope
Lord, if we pretend that it is just not there

Lord, have mercy

Change our hearts Lord, that we would care
deeply enough
To see the world though your eyes
To wince with the pain that you feel
To be sensitive to your Spirit that we
Might respond and touch this hurting world
With your healing love

Lord, have mercy

"Show us what you have required Lord,
To show mercy,
To do justice,
And to walk humbly with our God"

Lord, have mercy