

Prayers for Those on the Margins

LUKE 4:18-19

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

PRAISE

Anointed One, we praise you as the King of all kings and Lord of all lords. We honor you for instigating a new kingdom, a kingdom that is good news for everybody.

Thank you that you are near to the poor—those poor in spirit and poor in earthly resources. Thank you for the freedom you grant to those in bondage, to those who feel hemmed in and stuck. Thank you for the physical and spiritual healing you bring to those who are broken and in despair.

We give you praise for being a God of spaciousness, of compassion, of healing. We give you praise for being a God who sees the people our society too often overlooks. We praise you for establishing the kingdom of God that turns our earthly values upside down.

PRAYER PROMPTS

Thank you for your love for...

Thank you for the freedom you've given to...

Thank you for the healing you've granted to...

REQUESTS

Jesus, in your life here on earth we saw your love for the marginalized in action. We saw you touch the leper, eat with the tax collector, and speak with women. Over and over again you ignored social rules and saw the image of God in every person you met. Spirit of God, anoint us to be like Jesus. Open our eyes to see the person who is hurting, the systems that are broken, the opportunities to show love and compassion.

We pray that your Spirit will continue to bring freedom to the broken and oppressed today, and that your gospel will truly be Good News to everyone in our community.

PRAYER PROMPTS

Father, show us what Good News looks like for our neighbors.

We pray for your Spirit to bring good news to...

Our local jails and prisons (name them)

Those who are homebound and lonely (name them)

Those who are poor in spirit and struggling with mental health (name them)

Those who need to experience your freedom (name them)

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, continue to do the work of transforming our hearts to be like yours, longing for the world to see you and come to believe in you.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, who is at work within us,

Amen.

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