

FAST for CHANGE



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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Let us pray.
Creator of proteins, carbohydrates and fat,
Maker of minerals and vitamins,
putting molecules together in ways
that taste good and build healthy cells,
transform our world,
so that every man, woman and child has
enough to eat,
so they can grow strong bodies, and active
minds.

Spoken or sung response

God of justice and hope
when people's right to eat has been thwarted
by the demand for increasing profits,
stir up prophets with the courage to
challenge and convert.
When the hungry are not considered
important because they cannot pay,
inspire Your followers to treat each person
as someone you love,
created in Your image,
reflecting the face of your Beloved.
When children are left depleted and listless,
compel movements towards a renewed
compassion,

which pushes power to care for the least,
and judges those whose wealth consumes
without concern for others.

Spoken or sung response

God who changes hearts and stomachs,
we pray for those who are consumed by
their consumption,
whose lives are defined by what they buy,
and who find their worth in what they have.
Turn all people toward the treasures which
do not rot and decay,
the love which shines more gloriously than
gold,
the giving which fulfills and makes
mysteriously whole,
the arms open wide enough to embrace life
not bought or sold.

Spoken or sung response

(The prayers of the congregation are invited.
The prayer concludes with the Lord's
Prayer.)

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