

## Prayers of the People: Food Theme

*These intercessions are part of a suite of texts on food and the environment.*

God of justice,  
we pray for the feeding of the world.  
Give wisdom to those who make policy about food,  
to ensure a fair share for all.  
Protect good farmland from urban sprawl and industrial degradation.  
Send plentiful harvests to those who grow crops and raise livestock.  
Bountiful God, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice,  
we pray for the Church, feeding your people with word and sacraments.  
Guide and bless our bishops, priests and deacons  
as they feed Christ's flock with wise teaching.  
May every celebration of the eucharist be a rich banquet of your forgiveness and love.  
Show us how to work generously and effectively,  
reaching out in loving service with emergency food relief and community feasts.  
Bountiful God, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice,  
we pray for our local community.  
Bless our local markets, food stores, cafes and restaurants.  
Bless us at the tables we share with family and friends,  
and make us good companions at meal times and beyond.  
Increase in us the spirit of hospitality to strangers.  
Teach us to live and to eat more simply,  
so that there may be more to share with the hungry of our neighbourhood.  
Bountiful God, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice,  
we pray for the poor, the hungry and all prisoners,  
and for the people we love who need your care today.  
We name them before you now...  
Bring healing, peace and hope to all who suffer.  
Bring clean water and good food to the poor in every land.  
Bring spiritual nourishment to all who are hungry for truth.  
Bountiful God, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice,  
we thank you for inviting us in Christ  
to the feast of the age to come.  
We thank you for those who have gone before us in faith.  
Bring us, with all your saints,  
to rejoice with you for ever.  
Bountiful God, **hear our prayer.**

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