

LITURGY FOR ALL WHO CRY OUT

Whether you are someone whose voice needs to be heard or someone who needs to listen and learn, let us join in prayer together and cry out to our God.

This liturgy is inspired by a Liturgy For All Rioting Hearts by [Black Coffee with White Friends](#), an Instagram account "for the curious and the hopeful".

Invocation

Heavenly Father, may we feel your presence as we join our hearts and voices in prayer. Give us grace to listen and wisdom to speak.

Thank you that you are a God who does both. May we live in awareness of your deep and precious love for us.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

"The News So Good How Can it Be True"

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness and the deepest gloom and broke away their chains. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron.

Psalm 107:13-16, NIV

Scripture Reading

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging.

When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you."

Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Mark 10:46-52

Meditation

A riot is the language of the unheard. And what is it that America has failed to hear?

Dr. Martin Luther King

Black Coffee W/ White Friends

"Prayers: for the church, for others, for myself "

O God, the Father of all humankind, I bring before you the burden of the world's life. I join with the scattered multitudes who are crying out to you in their desperation. Hear us, O God, and look with compassion at our many needs, since you alone are able to satisfy all our desire.

I especially commit to you:

All who are far from their family and friends;

All who must lie down hungry or cold;

All who suffer pain;

All who are kept awake by anxiety;

All who are facing danger;

All who must work or keep watch while others sleep.

I ask you to give them all such a sense of your presence that their loneliness may turn to comfort and their trouble to peace.

O most loving God, you showed your love to us in Jesus your Son, by relieving all kinds of suffering and disease. Grant your blessing on all who are serving others in Christ's name throughout the world:

All ministers of the gospel of Christ;
All social workers;
All doctors and nurses who faithfully tend the sick;
All who work for your mission in every land.

Through them accomplish your great purpose of goodwill to all people, and grant them in their own hearts the joy of Christ's very real presence.

Grant to me also, O gracious Father, the joy of a life surrendered to Christ's service and the peace of forgiveness granted through the power of his cross.

Amen.

A Diary of Private Prayer, John Baillie

Benediction

“All of our cities are potentially powder kegs... Many in moments of anger, many in moments of deep bitterness engage in riots.”

- Dr. King

“Our faith calls us way beyond racism, into a radical unity, in the Kingdom of God. A Kingdom where we're all brother and sisters. I mean truly: Really brothers and sisters,”

- Fr. Erich Rutten, pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish in St. Paul

