



Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River

Amos 5: 24



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You are here, so this is holy ground.
In all that is, You are here.
This is holy ground,
The ground of my being now.
My spirit bows to you upon this holy ground.

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The Prophet Amos cries out

*“But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream”*

and so we are called

to join the river of justice and peace,

to take up climate and ecological justice,

and to speak out with and for communities

most impacted by climate injustice

and the loss of biodiversity.



Scripture: Amos 5:24

‘Let justice flow on like a river;
righteousness like a never ending stream’

How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace?

Pope Francis says:

*“ firstly let us join by transforming our hearts;
secondly let us transform our lifestyles,
and lastly we must transform the public policies
that govern our societies and shape the lives of young people
today and tomorrow.”*



In our Rule of Life we are invited :

- * to live simply, sharing our time, talents and goods;
- * to open our hearts to the whole world to participate in efforts to protect the Planet;
- * to seek out and identify the causes of poverty and work concretely to bring about a more equitable distribution of the fruits of the earth;
- * to appreciate the many beauties of Creation and celebrate them gratefully. (R.L. 28)



(from Message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the care of Creation)

“Let Justice and Peace Flow”

‘The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires.

God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God’s children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival.

This justice must flow forth wherever it is needed, neither remaining hidden deep beneath the ground nor vanishing like water that evaporates before it can bring substance.

God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we seek first the kingdom of God, maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.’



One could feel overwhelmed by all this - so let's look at what Francis said in Laudato Sí

Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise. (LS 12)



Greeting - A Four Direction Prayer

Let us turn our hearts to the West
From there the thunders bring us cleansing rain.
Creator God, heal us and our relatives.

Let us turn our hearts to the North
Winter comes to us from there and calls us to rest.
Creator God, restore our strength.



Greeting - A Four Direction Prayer

Let us turn our hearts to the East
The morning sun begins each day there.
Creator God, awaken us and help us to walk with a renewed life.

Let us turn our hearts to the South
Where the warm winds come from to give us comfort
and joy.
Creator God, soothe our aching souls.



Greeting - A Four Direction Prayer

Let us turn our hearts to the Sky
From there our Creator sees all around us.
Creator God help us to trust you to lead us.

Let us turn our hearts to the Earth
From there quiet wisdom comes to teach us.



Greeting - A Four Direction Prayer

Creator God hear us as we pray :

*Give praise to the Father Almighty,
his son Our Lord Jesus Christ
and to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts.
Now and for ever. Amen*

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