

# PRAYING TOGETHER FOR JUSTICE

*Psalm 82, ESV*

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## JOHN 15:7

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

## PSALM 82

“God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: ‘How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.’ They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I said, ‘You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince.’ Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!”

## WHO GOD IS . . .

#1 - He is the sovereign King over all.

#2 - He is the good Judge of all.

#3 - He is the merciful Savior for all.

## WHAT WE DO . . .

#1 - We plead for God’s justice to reign.

#2 - We anticipate God’s kingdom to come.

## MATTHEW 6:9 - 10

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

#3 - We share God’s gospel with all in need.

## MICAH 6:8

“... and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

- Pray for the protection of unborn children and the prevention of abortions being considered right now.
- Pray for hope and help for mothers with unwanted pregnancies.
- Pray for care and provision for children without homes.
- Pray for forgiveness and healing for those who have had abortions or supported abortions.
- Pray for the end of abortion in our country and other countries around the world.



- Pray for realization and repentance of personal prejudice.
- Pray for increasing harmony and unity across ethnicities in the church and in our country.
- Pray for mercy for those who suffer oppression because of their ethnicity.
- Pray for leaders to have wisdom and courage in combatting unjust systems, structures, principles, or practices.
- Pray for the ultimate end of ethnic discrimination.

### **PRAY FOR PERSECUTED BELIEVERS . . .**

- That they would hold fast to God's love for them and the hope God gives to them.
- That the Holy Spirit will strengthen them and their families.
- For their boldness in sharing the gospel amidst persecution.

### **PRAY FOR PERSECUTORS . . .**

- That they would see Christ in the saints they are persecuting and be saved.
- That they would be brought to justice.

### **REVELATION 21:4**

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

