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We live in a world hurt by sin and injustice. A world where people are oppressed, mistreated, and exploited. This grieves God's heart. God loves justice. Psalm 33:5 (CEV) says, "He loves justice and fairness, and he is kind to everyone everywhere on earth." God wants all people to be treated with the dignity they were created with. We see this throughout Scripture as God continually demands justice, especially for the vulnerable—the foreigner, widow, and orphan. He calls us, his followers, to do the same.

But praying for justice can seem like a daunting task. We might not know where to begin. God's Word offers insights to guide our prayers for the injustices we face today. Scripture helps us understand God's justice versus our human ideas of justice. It reveals that God's justice is tethered to love, mercy, and compassion, not hatred, slander, or division.

As we seek more of God's just kingdom here on this earth, let's turn to Scripture. Use these 20 Bible verses to **1) reflect on God's heart for justice, 2) ask God for wisdom on how to respond to injustice, and 3) pray according to the truths found in his Word.**

1. "The LORD is our God bringing justice everywhere on earth. He will never forget his agreement or his promises, not in thousands of years."

PSALM 105:7-8 CEV

2. "I am the LORD your God, and I demand equal justice both for you Israelites and for those foreigners who live among you."

LEVITICUS 24:22 CEV

3. "Defend the rights of the poor and the orphans; be fair to the needy and the helpless. Rescue them from the power of evil people."

PSALM 82:3-4 GNT



4. “The LORD God has told us what is right and what he demands: ‘See that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern, and humbly obey your God.’”

MICAH 6:8 CEV

5. “Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless.”

PROVERBS 31:8 GNT

6. “When justice is done, good people are happy, but evil people are brought to despair.”

PROVERBS 21:15 GNT

7. “Your kingdom is founded on righteousness and justice; love and faithfulness are shown in all you do.”

PSALM 89:14 GNT

8. “LORD, I know that you defend the cause of the poor and the rights of the needy.”

PSALM 140:12 GNT

9. “If you oppress poor people, you insult the God who made them; but kindness shown to the poor is an act of worship.”

PROVERBS 14:31 GNT

10. “Every bone in my body will shout: ‘No one is like the LORD!’ You protect the helpless from those in power; you save the poor and needy from those who hurt them.”

PSALM 35:10 CEV

11. “You listen to the longings of those who suffer. You offer them hope, and you pay attention to their cries for help. You defend orphans and everyone else in need, so that no one on earth can terrify others again.”

PSALM 10:17-18 CEV

12. “Don’t mistreat any foreigners who live in your land. Instead, treat them as well as you treat citizens and love them as much as you love yourself. Remember, you were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.”

LEVITICUS 19:33-34 CEV

13. “Learn to do right. See that justice is done—help those who are oppressed, give orphans their rights, and defend widows.”

ISAIAH 1:17 GNT

14. “God is always honest and fair, and his laws can be trusted. They are true and right and will stand forever.”

PSALM 111:7-8 CEV

15. “The LORD says to his people, ‘Do what is just and right, for soon I will save you.’”

ISAIAH 56:1 GNT

16. “You help everyone in need, and you defend them when they are on trial.”

PSALM 109:31 CEV

17. “The kind of fasting I want is this: Remove the chains of oppression and the yoke of injustice, and let the oppressed go free.”

ISAIAH 58:6 GNT

18. “Our God, you save us, and your fearsome deeds answer our prayers for justice! You give hope to people everywhere on earth ...”

PSALM 65:5 CEV

19. “The LORD says: Don’t brag about your wisdom or strength or wealth. If you feel you must brag, then have enough sense to brag about worshipping me, the LORD. What I like best is showing kindness, justice, and mercy to everyone on earth.”

JEREMIAH 9:23-24 CEV

20. “The LORD says, ‘I hate your religious festivals; I cannot stand them! When you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; I will not accept the animals you have fattened to bring me as offerings. Stop your noisy songs; I do not want to listen to your harps. Instead, let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry.’”

AMOS 5:21-24 GNT

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

1. GOD, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING TO ME IN YOUR WORD ABOUT INJUSTICE?

2. HOW ARE YOU LEADING ME IN YOUR WISDOM TO RESPOND IN PRAYER AND ACTION?
