

Prayer Focus The marginalized or disenfranchised in our society

The prayers this month focus on those who are not always within our line of sight, but who need God's intervention and provision in their lives. There is a list of some of these people groups here. You probably can add others. Please read the scriptures, then read through the people groups and see how the Lord leads you to pray for them in light of His Word.

Deuteronomy 10: 17 - 19

Psalms 9: 7 - 10

Psalms 103: 1 - 6

Psalms 145: 8 - 19

Isaiah 58: 6 - 12

Jer. 22: 16

Matt. 5: 1 - 10

2 Corinthians 1:2-4

Heb. 13: 3

James 1: 27

Those who are mentally disabled

Those who are physically disabled

Those who are in prison

Those who struggle with drug, alcohol or other addictions

Those in nursing homes who have no family to care for them

Those in hospitals or hospice who have no family to care for them

Those who have unwanted pregnancies/teen pregnancies

The homeless

The poor

The hungry

Teenage runaways or throwaway youths

Orphans

Widows/Widowers

For those deprived of their human needs and rights

For all who are lonely or afraid

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor.

We lift up to you the poor and the marginalized. We know that these are your cherished ones, that you are a God whose heart cries out for justice, that you are a God who longs to feed the hungry. We ask simply, Lord, that you give us your heart. Fill us Lord with your compassion, give us your eyes to see, give us boldness and selflessness and wisdom, so that we too might cry out for justice and feed the hungry, so that your light might shine throughout the earth.

Lord, we especially lift up the children among us who are poor and marginalized, finding themselves in circumstances they did not choose and helpless to change. Might they somehow come to know the love of their Creator, who knows each hair on their head and collects their tears.