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Be ye ready to distribute to everyone, according to their necessity.

Reduce the gap between rich and poor people.

Wickedly, devilishly false is that common objection, 'They are poor only because they are idle.... Find them work.... They will then earn and eat their own bread.'

Help everyone to have a job.

How many are there in this Christian country that toil, and labour, and sweat... but struggle with weariness and hunger together? Is it not worse for one, after a hard day's labour, to come back to a poor, cold, dirty, uncomfortable lodging, and to find there not even the food which is needful to repair his wasted strength?

Help the poorest including introducing a living wage.

Beware of that common, but accursed, way of making children parrots Regard not how much, but how well, to what good purpose, they read.... The end of education[is to] help us discover every false judgement of our minds, and to subdue every wrong passion in our hearts... [and] to understand as much as we are able .'

Offer the best possible education.

I continue to dream... [of the time when the potential of] each person can be unleashed.

Help everyone to feel they can make a difference.

Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion?

Promote tolerance.

May not women as well as men bear an honourable part....yield not to the vile bondage any longer. You, as well as men, are rational creatures. You, like them, were made in the image of God.'

Promote equal treatment for women.

In seeking happiness from riches, you are only striving to drink out of empty cups. And let them be painted and gilded ever so finely, they are empty still'

Create a society based on values, not profits and consumerism.

Let none serve you but by his own act and deed, by his own voluntary action. Away with all whips, all chains, all compulsion! ... Do with everyone else as you would he should do to you.

End all forms of slavery.

War: What farther proof of do we need of the utter degeneracy of all nations from the plainest principles of reason and virtue? Of the absolute want, both of common sense and common humanity, which runs through the whole race of mankind?

Avoid getting into wars.

The world is my parish.

Share the love of God with everyone.

Lead us beyond an exclusive concern for the well-being of other human beings to the broader concern for the well-being of the birds in our backyards, the fish in our rivers, and every living creature on the face of the earth.

Care for the environment.

Prayer of Intercession for Our Children

Heavenly Father, we come before You in the name of Jesus, interceding for our children. We thank You for the precious gift they are and for Your plans for their lives.

Protection and Safety

Lord, we ask for Your divine protection over our children. Guard them from all harm and danger.

"The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." (Psalm 121:7-8)

Wisdom and Understanding

Grant them wisdom and understanding in their studies and daily lives. Let Your knowledge fill their hearts and minds.

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." (Proverbs 2:6)

Faith and Strength

Strengthen their faith in You, Lord, and help them to trust in Your promises. Let them stand firm in their beliefs and grow in spiritual maturity.

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

Guidance and Direction

Guide them in every decision they make. May Your Holy Spirit lead them in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Protection from Temptation

Protect them from the temptations of this world. Give them the strength to resist the enemy and stand firm in their faith.

"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful;

he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Love and Compassion

Fill their hearts with love and compassion for others. May they be a reflection of Your love in all they do. "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." (Colossians 3:14)

Future and Hope

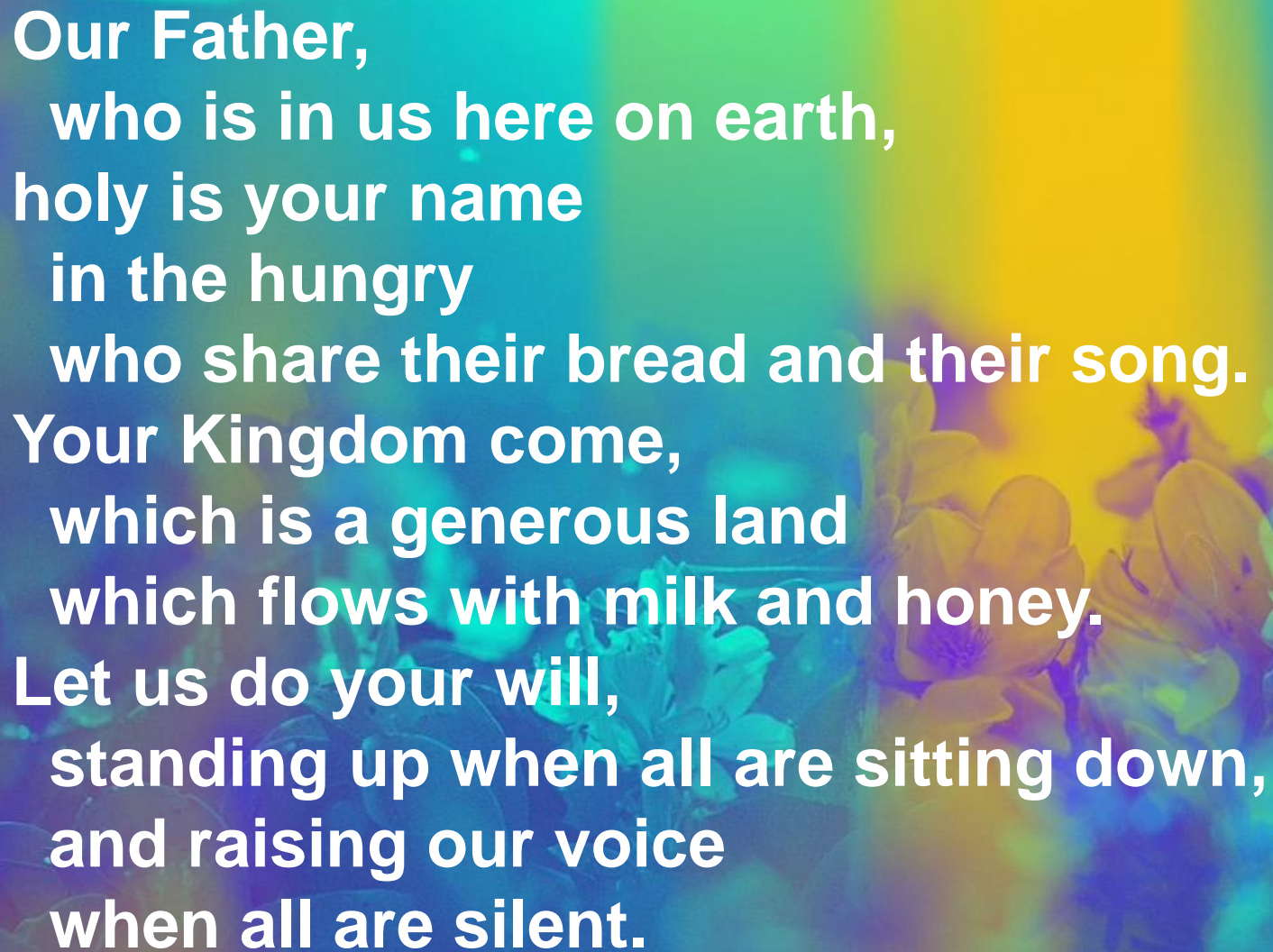
We pray for their future, that it will be filled with hope and Your divine purpose. Let them fulfill the destiny You have set before them.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Thanksgiving

We thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers and for the assurance that You are always with our children. We place them in Your loving hands, trusting that You will guide, protect, and bless them all the days of their lives.

In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen.



**Our Father,
who is in us here on earth,
holy is your name
in the hungry
who share their bread and their song.
Your Kingdom come,
which is a generous land
which flows with milk and honey.
Let us do your will,
standing up when all are sitting down,
and raising our voice
when all are silent.**

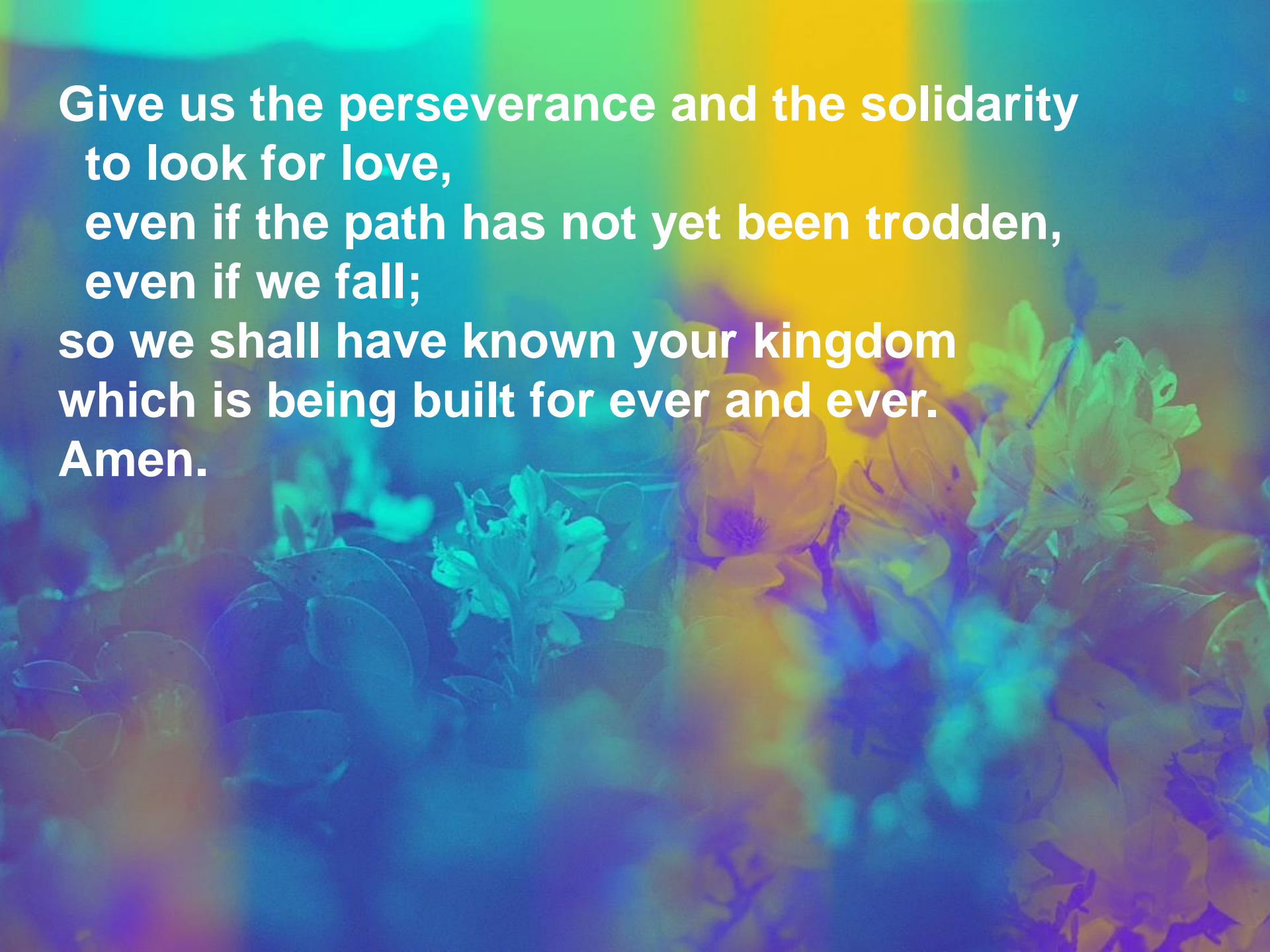
**You are giving us our daily bread
in the song of the bird
and the miracle of the corn.**

Forgive us

**for keeping silent in the face of injustice,
and for burying our dreams,
for not sharing bread and wine,
love and the land,
among us, now.**

**Don't let us fall into temptation
of shutting the door through fear;
of resigning ourselves to hunger and injustice;
of taking up the same arms as the enemy.**

But deliver us from evil.



**Give us the perseverance and the solidarity
to look for love,
even if the path has not yet been trodden,
even if we fall;
so we shall have known your kingdom
which is being built for ever and ever.
Amen.**