

PRAYER LETTER JUNE 2026

In the Book of Samuel in the Old Testament, we read about Nathan, who goes to King David and tells him about two men who lived in the same town. One is rich and the other is poor—very poor; he owns only a single little lamb. A lamb he looks after very well and cherishes almost as if it were his own child. But when the rich man is visited by a traveller, he refuses to use any of his own livestock, which is plentiful, to feed the traveller. Instead, he takes the poor man's lamb and serves it to the traveller.

This is a story from thousands of years ago, but sadly all too relevant today. We see far too many people on our planet who are unwilling to share their wealth with others but instead exploit the poor so that their poverty only grows. And what is even worse, they pretend that this is not the case. They pretend that hoarding what they have and getting richer themselves will benefit those who already have too little.

The passage from the Book of Samuel does not stop at the description of the rich man's misdeeds. Nathan confronts King David and tells him that he is the rich man and that it is he who has taken what belongs to another man. And King David receives his punishment.

As human beings, we are entrusted with the task of looking after one another in love for our neighbours, through fellowship and mutual care, by being good stewards and caring for creation and all that has been created, and by resisting injustice and standing up for justice. Are we able to be like Nathan in our own day? Are we able to stand up against injustice and the mistreatment of our fellow human beings? Are we able to look after our planet, all of creation? Are we able to look after one another?

Let us pray:

Righteous God, you have called us to care for the earth and to love one another.

We pray to you: Grant us the will to share your gifts fairly.

May our work be a blessing to all people,

So that together we may build a society of justice, solidarity and peace,

Through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one true God from everlasting to everlasting. Amen

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