

EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

God of justice and compassion,
whose light shines into our hearts
and into our nation's halls of power,
strengthen our faith as we acknowledge
the enormity of our task:
to include all in the prosperity of this land.

We pray for your spirit of generosity
in challenging greed and neglect.
Give us your grace to reach out
to the lowest paid workers,
families subsisting on meagre incomes,
people who are homeless,
the dispossessed First Peoples of this land,
so that we may achieve change,
inspired by the Gospel,
that leads to human flourishing.

We pray for your spirit of truth as we place
our own economic choices before you,
reflecting on our own motives as we strive
to give and to keep,
to save and to spend,
to invest and to speak out
in ways that honour every human being.

We pray for your spirit
of fierce love and determination
as we seek to assist and empower
the most vulnerable,
to create jobs and opportunities
where they are most needed,
to build an inclusive economy
that enables government and business
to champion a society
where justice and equity abound.

May we be instruments of your compassion
as we take up the needs of the poor,
May we be instruments of your mercy
as we bring truth to greed and neglect,
May we be instruments of your creative spirit
as we seek to make our world anew.

In Christ and through the Spirit we pray.

Amen

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