

The Ekklesia

A Family that Seeks Justice and
Reconciliation

My Desire in Prayer

*“Your unceasing **Desire** is your unceasing **Prayer**.”*

St. Augustine

That with humility I would carry the good news of **freedom for the captives, justice for the oppressed** and reconciliation with the Father as a member of Christ Jesus who knows how to live in His family that brings transformation to a broken people.

As the Ekklesia we have been chosen to live in this generation at this time for a specific reason. Many lines are being drawn and we are being asked to choose a side. But God has a different way in mind.

A supernatural love given by God to our hearts will be the only way we will be able to love others and live in unity in the seasons that are coming.

Our mutual love for one another (*unity and oneness*) will prove the power of the cross and resurrection.

**//Freedom for the Captives and
Justice for the Oppressed//**

**God cares about Justice because he
wants unity.**

**Life is found in pursuing, caring and
enjoying what God cares about.**

1. Humility leads us into how God wants us to pursue Justice.

- We are called as God's people to act justly, love mercy and walk Humbly WITH God.

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly^l with your God. **Micah 6.8***

1. Humility leads us into how God wants us to pursue Justice.

The River of God's power will rush to the Lowest Place.

- Confidence precedes Humility. And Humility precedes an Unoffended heart that is free from bitterness. And a heart that is free is able to carry the power of the freedom of God to others.

1. Humility leads us into how God wants us to pursue Justice.

Justice is the work of the Ekklesia to break down the gates and plunder the pits of Hell.

- This is a Justice that makes the wrong things right on earth as they are being done in heaven.
- **The Justice we seek is restoring back to God what was taken from Him and his children.**

1. Humility leads us into how God wants us to pursue Justice.

Justice Then Allows For Peace & Reconciliation

- Humility paves the way for Justice, unto reconciliation unto the restoration of unity.

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. John 17.20-23

2. Our Prayers must be leading us to love and to remove barriers that keep others from us.

- Isaiah 58:1-2 - Seeking God Yet Righteousness is lacking

3. There is a yoke of pain and injustice that many are crying out for someone to break

- Isaiah 58:6-7

Listen and Lament

*I'm the one who dreamt our basic dream
In the Old World while still a serf of kings,
Who dreamt a dream so strong, so brave, so true,
That even yet its mighty daring sings
In every brick and stone, in every furrow turned
That's made America the land it has become.
O, I'm the man who sailed those early seas
In search of what I meant to be my home—
For I'm the one who left dark Ireland's shore,
And Poland's plain, and England's grassy lea,
And torn from Black Africa's strand I came
To build a "homeland of the free."*

The free?

*Who said the free? Not me?
Surely not me? The millions on relief today?
The millions shot down when we strike?
The millions who have nothing for our pay?
For all the dreams we've dreamed
And all the songs we've sung
And all the hopes we've held
And all the flags we've hung,
The millions who have nothing for our pay—
Except the dream that's almost dead today.*

*O, let America be America again—
The land that never has been yet—
And yet must be—the land where every man is free.
The land that's mine—the poor man's, Indian's, Negro's, ME—
Who made America,
Whose sweat and blood, whose faith and pain,
Whose hand at the foundry, whose plow in the rain,
Must bring back our mighty dream again.*

3. There is a yoke of pain and injustice that many are crying out for someone to break

Let America Be America Again
July 1936 Langston Hughes

Listen and Lament

4. Justice costs us something. Is the prize of joyful unity and equity for all worth the price to us?

Isaiah 58:8-10

5. What we give in love for the Justice of others
God will provide back all we need even unto
overflowing AND restoration will happen as a result
of seeking Justice.

Isaiah 58:11-12 2 Promises as we seek Justice

1. Will not run dry or be burned out.
2. What has been broken down for generations will be built up again.

5.b Restoration will happen as a result of seeking Justice.

Isaiah 61:1-4 – The captives will be set free and they will be the ones empowered to rebuild the ancient ruins.

- Hope does not disregard pain. But this hope of good news it will come to pass because of God. And it is the source of courage we need to face injustice and actually go into the pain.

6. The right perspective is understanding God's heart about an issue.

"May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. John 17.21-23

How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!

Psalm 133.1

7. We pursue Justice by letting his heart become our heart and then we will be able to step into the mess and heartache of injustice with hope

“May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. John 17.21-23”

Questions of Reflection:

1. Am I willing to meet others where they are at or will I make them come to me?
2. God, am I willing to let go of my life to care about who and what you care about? Will you show me the joy of finding life in you?
3. God will you give me a vision of the passion that drove you to do the ultimate work of justice by dying a messy painful death on the cross?