

Dearest God,
You are our Mother and our Father
And we are all your children.
Open our eyes and our hearts
So that we are able to see you in every one of your children.

May we embrace first ties that bind us to each other
And recognize that you created us into one family
For compassion, caring and sharing.

From the time of birth, we need each other;
Other human hands lifted us from the womb.
We rely on others to feed us, protect us, teach us, and love us into life.

Open our hearts to the needs of your innocent people suffering from the persistent burden of
hunger
And mobilise our spirits to respond to them.
Counter the outrage and anger we feel against injustice with love.

Grant that inspired by the vision of human solidarity,
We may invest our material resources in bringing liberation to the despair of poverty
And returning hope to your children.

Stir our hearts to compassionate action
That transforms suffering into redemptive love.
Now and for ever more.

Amen.

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