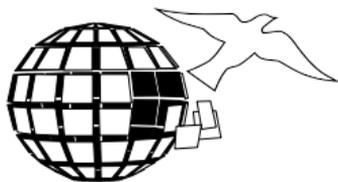


PRAYER FOR

PEOPLE WHO

ARE HOMELESS



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Lord our God,

You who so mysteriously call upon us  
to share in the sufferings of Christ,  
fill our hearts with compassion  
for those who lack the warmth of a home.

We commend to you in prayer this day  
all men, women and children  
who suffer because they have no shelter;  
those who sleep in our streets and public spaces,  
who have nowhere safe to lay their heads,  
and who wander from place to place as a way of life.

We pray for broken families who cannot pay the rent,  
for those who are the lost and abandoned,  
for those on the streets whose minds  
have been touched by illness  
or whose bodies are sorely affected by disabilities.

We ask that your merciful Grace be poured out  
upon those with addictions,  
those who have given up  
in the face of enormous tribulations,  
and those driven into a homeless life  
by crushing poverty.

God of Compassion, your love for us is revealed in  
your beloved son Jesus,  
who was born into homelessness,  
lived with nowhere to lay his head,  
and died for us in agony on the cross.

Inspire us to act in justice,  
by all means at our disposal, to right the wrongs  
of peoples who are suffering  
the deprivations of homelessness,  
and to see in them the dignity of a brother and sister  
redeemed by Jesus Christ.

Let us have the commitment,  
as people of the Gospel, to be ever mindful  
of our obligations we have  
to the poor and marginalised,  
to work in your name, O God,  
to turn sorrow into joy  
and to bring all those who live in darkness  
into your own wonderful light.

Amen.