

BREAD FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY 2018

A Responsive Prayer

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Sovereign Lord, You are in control of the universe and the world. We see disparities in the nations and ask for divine access to the resources in Your storehouse to meet the needs of the vulnerable.

Your Gracious Hand is upon us!

Gracious Lord, release uncommon favor and divine influence so that we will seek justice and peace in our nation and communities to end poverty. We open up our eyes and spirits to what You are revealing and how we will act upon it.

Your Gracious Hand is upon us!

Wonderful Lord, give us the boldness around the world to speak to the oppressive systems that are producing consistent injustice as we challenge legislation. Remove the spirit of fear so that we may become change agents for Your Glory.

Your Gracious Hand is upon us!

Merciful Lord, empower us to be a prophetic witness around the world to represent You and Your Kingdom. Protect us as we travel through territories on our way to the destined place that You have planned for us.

Your Gracious Hand is upon us!

Omnipresent Lord, as we write letters to our legislatures and government officials, breathe upon our efforts with

Your Spirit that it will be positioned to bring intentional transformation in our land. We believe and trust You.

Your Gracious Hand is upon us!

Omnipotent Lord, grant what we ask just as You did for Nehemiah and others. We know that You hear our cry.

Your Gracious Hand is upon us!

Sovereign Lord, You are in control of the universe and the world. We see disparities in the nations, but we believe Your Word and Your promises. The covenant that You established shall be fulfilled.

Your Gracious Hand is upon us! Lead, guide and direct us. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER:

GOD of grace and mercy, we honor and adore You for who You are. We bless Your Holy Name today around the world. We thank You for displaying what servanthood looks like and we are challenged to follow Your example. Our desire is to serve You in our world, our nation, and in our community. We pray that You will shine upon our efforts through writing letters and advocacy. We believe that the gracious hand of our God will be upon us. In Jesus' name. *Amen.*

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