

A Prayer for Minority Health Month

One of the consistent themes in Catholic social teaching is acting on behalf of justice. During April, which is Minority Health Month, we have the opportunity to consider our own ministries and how they are to be instruments of God's mission of love and healing, seeking to offer equity of care for all God's people.

God of peace,
help us to change,
so that we work for a world that mirrors
your wisdom.
Give us the desire to act in solidarity,
so that the pillars of injustice crumble
and those now suffering disparities can find equity.ⁱ



God of justice,
grant that your Spirit may give us the will and the courage
to act to make a difference,
in order to make real your kingdom among us,
so that we may we all live together
in peace, truth, justice and love,
sharing the resources of our ministry to ensure that all can access equal care and
outcomes.ⁱⁱ

Creator of all, help us more deeply consider the policies, procedures and even our innermost personal beliefs and biases that could keep any of your children from finding equity of care in our ministry. Let us set the stage for greater human flourishing in the communities we serve, so that by our work as Catholic health care we bring alive your Gospel vision of justice and peace. Amen.

ⁱ Adapted and excerpted from <http://jesuitinstitute.org/Pages/Prayers.htm>

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