

# 2020 Breakthrough Prayer

As Jesus identified his vocation to heal a broken world, so also may I identify and embrace my vocation: “To preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor” (Luke 4:18-19).

I lift into your loving presence, Gracious God, those known and unknown to me who live on the margins and in the shadows of society – the poor, the orphan, the immigrant, the widow, the beaten down, the addict, the forgotten and lonely.

Give me, O Giver of Life and Hope, a heart that longs not for wealth or fame, but only for You and your upside-down Kingdom. Grant me strength and courage to bring those who alienate into right relationship with those who are alienated, so that all may know your reconciling love.

Guide my every action to be in accord with your continuous and costly commitment to justice, peace and health in the world you love so much.

By the in-breaking and in-dwelling power of your Holy Spirit, I go forth today and every day to ***Be the Light and Live Hope!***

In the precious name of Jesus, Amen.

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