

# HELP US PRAYERS

Help us “sell our cleverness and buy bewilderment.” (Rumi)

Help us integrate thinking and doing.

Help us become “colleagues in a mutual quest for deeper insight and clarity.” (Peter Senge)

Help us “live in the middle of contradiction.” (Barry Lopez)

Help us move forward to the garden on high, level ground.

Help us arm ourselves with “ardent patience.” (Rimbaud)

Help us build our life together as a work of art.

Help us “be the change we wish to see in the world.” (Gandhi)

Help us have “a passion for the impossible.” (Jacques Ellul)

Help us to be interdependent.

Help us lead a “revolution of values.” (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Help us be a “nourishing presence in the world.” (Jon Kabot-Zinn)

Help us that we would “not forsake the fountain of living waters for the stagnant water at the bottom of a leaky cistern.” (Jeremiah)

Help us remember that doubt is the indispensable ingredient of religion. (Samuel Terrien)

Help us develop “a theology open enough to heal divisions yet respect differences, and powerful enough to liberate us from the tyrannies of our time“ (F. Forrester Church)

Help us “take our neighbors as our other selves and love them with all the immense humility, and discretion and reserve and reverence without which no one can presume to enter the sanctuary of another’s subjectivity. For from such love all authoritarian brutality, all exploitation, domineering and condescension must necessarily be absent.” (Thomas Merton)

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Help us “speak so we can speak again.” (Zora Neal Hurston)

Help us put our assumptions to the test of observation and experiment.

Help us that we would not just bandage the victims under the wheel, but jam a stick between the spokes of the wheel. (Bonhoeffer)

Help us be in the presence of the other with humility.

Help us not be bursting with self-importance, clinging to an inflated idea of the self, but help us to be empty, self-forgetful, and endlessly respectful of others.

Help us embrace the whole human race without exception in a single feeling of love, where there is no distinction between barbarian and Greek, worthy and unworthy, friend and enemy, since all are contemplated in you, not in themselves. (John Calvin)

Help us be spontaneous and thus in a state of grace.

Help us turn away from dogma and empty ritual and go crazy after love. (Sultan Walad)

Help us explore how we can celebrate our diversity and find some creative unity in our differences.

Help us find meaning in every encounter.

Help us, like Jesus, to exclude no one from our concern.

Help us claim the power from God to change our ways.

Help us remember that what we say in human language will always be partial. (Gödel's Theorem)