

A LITANY FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

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Holy and incarnate one
who longs to set the prisoner free
and to heal the broken hearted:
We pray for our brothers and sisters
who are offenders,
who stand accused in our courts and
who serve time in our prisons.

Let justice roll down like waters,
And righteousness like an ever flowing
stream.

We pray for our brothers and sisters
who are victims of crime,
and who, like many victims, are re-victimized
by our criminal justice system.

Let justice roll down like waters,
And righteousness like an ever flowing
stream.

We pray for our Church,
remembering that in our corporate history
we have been both offender and victim.

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And righteousness like an ever flowing
stream.

We pray for all those in our criminal
system who try to do justice:
for police officers, judges, lawyers,
chaplains, and for corrections,
parole, and probation officers.

Let justice roll down like waters,
And righteousness like an ever flowing
stream.

We pray for our neighbourhoods, our
communities, and our society,
where the impact of crime and the fear
that it breeds
harm people, damage relationships, and
tear at the human spirit.

Let justice roll down like waters,
And righteousness like an ever flowing
stream.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
who sent your Son among us
to bear the pain and grief of humankind.
Receive the prayers we offer this day
for all those in need in every place
and grant us strength on our journey.

Amen.