

Prayer of Jesus By Thandiwe Dale-Ferguson

*Holy One whose name we honor and praise,
When we laugh, you laugh with us.
When we weep, your tears wash over the earth.
You know the joys and sorrows of our hearts,
Our efforts for change and our resistance to it.
We seek a time when
Your ways become our ways,
A time when our hopes for reconciliation,
peace and justice become reality.*

*Spirit of Life, today we ask for enough:
That the food we have may be enough,
That the money and possessions we have
may be enough,
That our achievements and successes
may be enough. That we may be enough.*

*Lead us from the temptations of wanting more
To the contentment of having and being enough,
Even as you sow the seeds of discontent
That move us to change systems
That give some too much and others too little.*

*Help us to forgive others and ourselves When we
disappoint, neglect, or harm.
For your grace is enough for all of us.
By your creativity, the universe was born,
And in your love, we are sustained.
Amen.*

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One Day As Jesus Was Traveling Through

*To the tune of "Be Thou My Vision"
by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

*One day as Jesus was traveling through,
There came a rich man a-traveling, too.
One sought inheritance, one faced the cross;
Where was the profit and where was the loss?
"What can I do now to gain one more thing?"
So asked the rich man who lived like a king.
Jesus said kindly, "There's one thing you lack:
Sell, give and follow—there's no turning back."
"Sell, give and follow?" The man was afraid.
"How can I give up the wealth I have made?
I live a good life! I cannot let go!
Sell, give and follow? I'll have to say, 'No!'"
How can a camel fit through a small place?
How can disciples be saved, but by grace?
How can the wealthy find joy, but to give?
God, in your kingdom—by dying, we live.
Christ, you have shown us the way of the cross;
You give a gift that the world sees as loss.
May we let go of the things we hold dear;
Then, serving others, we'll find your life here.*

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