

## **Bulletin Inserts**

*Housing:* In Isaiah 58:1-12, we are reminded of our call to shelter the homeless and feed those who are hungry. Congregations across Minnesota are responding to this call by advocating on behalf of our vulnerable neighbors at the state legislature. Through advocating for affordable housing and supporting shelters and transitional housing, people of faith are creating a more hopeful future for all. Join Christian, Jewish, and Muslim advocates for affordable housing by visiting [jrhc.org](http://jrhc.org) or contacting Katie Powell at [kpowell@jrhc.org](mailto:kpowell@jrhc.org).

*Childcare:* “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6 (NIV) For many families in Minnesota affordable, accessible childcare can be difficult to find. As people of faith we can help to create a state in which all children have the chance to start off on the way they should go by advocating for sound childcare policies. Join thousands of faithful citizens from across the state advocating for the common good and learn more by visiting [jrhc.org](http://jrhc.org) or contacting Katie Powell at [kpowell@jrhc.org](mailto:kpowell@jrhc.org).

*Justice:* As people of faith we work to protect the vulnerable and the powerless. We value the dignity of all humans, no matter their economic circumstances, their religious beliefs, or their citizenship. We are reminded of the importance of creating just communities by passages like Amos 5:14-15. Seeking good and hating evil becomes even more powerful when you add your voice to an interfaith call for the common good with the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition. To learn more, visit [jrhc.org](http://jrhc.org) or contact Katie Powell at [kpowell@jrhc.org](mailto:kpowell@jrhc.org).

## **Prayer(s) for Justice**

God of all:

We pray for those in elected positions of power and for those running for election, that they might have humility, wisdom, and discernment as they lead. We pray for laws that work toward the common good. We pray for governance that protects the dignity of all people, particularly the poor among us.

As people of faith and members of the community, we ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, equally deserving of dignity.

May we never cease to pray, and to hope, and to work for justice for all.

Amen.

Hear our prayer:

May the seeds we plant today develop deep roots in our communities and grow towards justice for all.

May the yeast we are continually adding to life cultivate our deep and resounding love for our brothers and sisters.

May we recognize the limits of our individual contributions and the strength of our collective actions.

Hear our prayer and grant us the wisdom to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Amen.