The Beacon of Hope prayer

God

We strive
We yearn

For ourselves
For those in need
For your kingdom

To be free from
To overcome
To understand
To fight against

The pain of hunger
An unequal world
Preventable illness
Climate injustice
Oppression

Give us strength
Show us how
Help us now
Let us try

To use our power
To spread your light
To live your word

So that we may become
So together, we shine as

A beacon of hope

How to recite the Beacon of Hope prayer

The diamond-shaped structure* of the Beacon of Hope prayer allows you to create your own individual prayers.

Selecting a word/words from each line in sequence, you can choose which injustice you would like to prioritise to create a new prayer each day.

Laura Mead, Christian Aid’s Community and Events Fundraising Advisor, kindly created the Beacon of Hope prayer and shares her version with us:

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*Credit: The diamond-shaped structure that forms the Beacon of Hope prayer was inspired by the poem ‘Obligations 2’ by Layli Long Soldier from New Poets of Native Nations (2018)