

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)