
When Asked, Who Is My Neighbor?

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When asked, Who is my neighbor? We hear the Savior say:
the one in need of mercy, both near and far away.
O Christ, still come in mercy to everyone in need,
your Spirit working through us, your love in word and deed.

Some live this day with anger at wickedness displayed.
Some live this day with grieving that justice is delayed.
O God of every neighbor, on both sides of the walls
that shield us from each other, bring justice to their cause.

Some rue the day that brought them to live with deep regret,
some cannot shake their sorrow, some struggle to repent.
O God of love and mercy, we long for your embrace.
You offer us forgiveness; help us receive your grace.

Corruption in high places, those choosing not to see
the violence of power, effects of poverty —
O God, see our frustration; rise up and stop the wrongs
of neighbor against neighbor to whom our love belongs.

Remember now your promise to come again in might
to take away all sorrow, to set all things aright.
O God, show us your glory; turn evil into good
until your love and justice reach every neighborhood.

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