God of the poor and afflicted, soften the hard edges of my heart that I might see Your image in the eyes of those who are outcasts in our world. Open me to embrace those who are hungry and abandoned. Soften me to understand the angry and desperate. Enliven me to offer my gifts and treasures to the stranger and alien. Empower me with compassion toward the imprisoned and forgotten. Enflesh my heart with the loving heart of Jesus, Who lived among us to point the way to Your reign of justice and dignity.

Amen

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