

Psalm 130 vv1-6

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;
Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.
If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.
I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
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A moment of quiet . . .

A time of prayer . . .

God of hope, you have given the rainbow as a symbol of your faithfulness;
in its colours, you have shown us the variety of human life and your call to unity;
it's span between heaven and earth reminds us that our hopes for the future are founded on your grace;
you have turned your face from judgement to redemption and have called us to be peacemakers.

A time of prayer . . .

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for people whose humanity is denied by others;
for those persecuted or imprisoned because of their religion or their politics;
for those who try to oppress and manipulate others and in so doing lose sight of their own humanity;
for those who work for peace and justice, whatever the cost.

A time of prayer . . .

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lord God, make us your rainbow people,
glorying in our God-given variety, passionate for peace,
trusting in your grace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, the hope of the world.