

THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Inaugurating Righteousness

A prayer from Psalm 72

O God, send us a righteous leader.

May they judge your people with righteousness.
and you're poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people and the hills, in righteousness.

May they defend the cause of the poor, give deliverance to the needy, and protect
them from their oppressors.

May their righteousness live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon,
throughout all generations.

May they be like rain falling on a mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

May righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May righteousness reign from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the
earth.

May righteousness draw all earthly rules back to the table of abundance.

For a true leader delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no
helper.

They pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence the righteous one redeems their life; and precious is
their blood in his sight.

May there be abundant grain throughout the land, flourishing even on the hilltops.

May the fruit trees flourish like the tress of Lebanon, and may the people thrive like grass in the filed.

May the whole berthed be filled with righteousness.

May righteousness endure forever, may it continue as long as the sun shines.

Amen.