



## Let Justice Flow . . . . .

At NWBA Forum in September 2013, we launched our core theme for the following year. Various resources and updates will be produced during that period. This call to worship and shared intercession were prepared for the Forum meetings; if you find them helpful, please feel free to use them. Based on Psalm 89, and resonating the key phrase ***"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne"***, the responsive Psalm might be used at the beginning of a service, creating a connection with the prayers of intercession that might be used later.

### Call to worship

**Leader:** We will sing of the Lord's great love for ever;

**Response:** Our words will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

**Leader:** We declare that your love stands firm for ever,

**Response:** that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

**Leader:** The heavens praise your wonders, Lord,

**Response:** Your faithful presence summons us, as we gather in your Name

**Leader:** Who in the skies above can compare with the Lord?

**Response:** Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings?

**Leader:** In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared;

**Response:** he is more awesome than all who surround him.

**Leader:** Who is like you, Lord God Almighty?

**Response:** You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

**Leader:** The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth;

**Response:** you founded the world and all that is in it.

**Leader:** You created the north and the south;

**Response:** Hermon and Tabor sing for joy at your name.

**Leader:** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

**Response:** love and faithfulness go before you.

**Leader:** Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord. They rejoice in your name all day long; they celebrate your righteousness. For you are their glory and strength,

## Prayers of Intercession

God of truth and justice

You call us to reflect your likeness and walk in your ways

May we be those who seek justice

Not out of self-interest or to satisfy any desire for recrimination

But through our seeking and yearning for the coming of Your Kingdom

**Response: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne**

Give us eyes that are open to recognise and notice that which is wrong

Ears that are attentive to the cries of the oppressed

Hearts that are restless while injustice prevails

And mouths that are ready to speak for those who have no voice

**Response: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne**

We pray for those who are denied justice

Give them grace and patience to wait for its coming

Strength and resolve to fight for its cause

Deliverance and release from those ills which hold them captive

**Response: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne**

We pray for those who cause injustice;

Whether rooted in deliberate intent

Or attitudes and consequences of which they are unaware;

Open their hearts to the ways of your Kingdom

And their eyes to the wrong and harm they cause

**Response: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne**

We pray for those who campaign for justice

Advancing the cause of those who cannot speak for themselves

Help them to recognise that they seek after Your heart

And to look to you for their strength and purpose

When their efforts are thwarted, grant them encouragement in knowing that they have nonetheless followed your call

**Response: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne**

We pray for ourselves

Help us become and remain a people of justice

Forgive us when we fail to act as we should

And help us be a people of fairness, kindness, generosity and grace

**Response: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne**

God in whose likeness every human being is made

Who loves his creation and longs for its wellbeing

Who has shown us what is good,

And called us to act justly, to love mercy and walk humbly before you.

**Response: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne**