

# A Prayer for Haiti

Gracious and loving God over all creation,  
We pray this day for the country and people of Haiti. You created them in your image, and made in them a longing for liberty. They led the Americas in the struggle against slavery, and, though they were the first to win lasting freedom, their struggles have never ceased. As you heard the cry of Hagar in the wilderness, we give you thanks that you have heard the cry of your people of Haiti calling out for justice.

Bring healing and prosperity to Haiti, Lord God, and protect her from those who would abuse her. Let her sorrows cease and her joy abound. Let her generosity be known in all the lands, and her glad songs of freedom be heard to the ends of the earth.

And to us, O God—we who hold Haiti in our hearts—give to us the humble spirit that you gave to Naaman. Let us lay aside our armor of defensiveness and pride, and come before the people of Haiti with open hearts and open hands. Show us how to bless them by our prayers, our aid, and our resources, and let us receive from them a blessing in our hearts. Teach us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, O God, that we can stand before you unashamed, hand in hand with our Haitian brothers and sisters.

*Amen.*