

The Marginalised
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Lord God we stand here together today thankful that knowing you provides us with hope, knowledge that we are included and a well spring of resource to rely on through good times and bad ... however we are also hugely aware that there are many in our city who are without hope, who feel excluded and are in real need.

So right now Lord we bring before you the needy of our city, in particular those who are homeless those who are confronted with crises in their lives young people who may have lost their way and looking for answers in the wrong places families without a bread-winner single parents struggling to hold things together aged citizens who feel isolated and lost All those faced with grief, personal need or illness.

We therefore ask Lord that you would comfort all those in need, that you would resource them, and through your Church and your people meet with them and that their situations would be transformed.

We ask that you'd help each of us to see how we can help. That unlike the rich man in Luke 16 we would know the Lazarus at our own gate and as your people act to help. We also ask that Your hand would be upon the work of all those engaged in meeting the needs of those who are marginalised, without hope and excluded.

We pray with thankful hearts for community workers, for our cities charities and those with a heart for our city. We pray too for those in authority that they would make wise decisions for justice and for inclusion as they prioritise spending and develop plans for our city's future.

Lord we pray most of all for the fundamental need of our city to know You, to know your love and to have faith in your transforming power. We are thankful that we can stand

together in this and ask all this in the name of our Lord Jesus, Amen.