

GRAPE

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GRAPE SUNDAY 26 JULY 2026 LITURGY & PRAYER

Dear Member churches

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude for your participation in last year's inaugural GRAPE Sunday in July 2025. This year, on 26th July 2026, we want to celebrate GRAPE Sunday again, reminding us of our call for justice and our engagement to make a Universal Basic Income a reality for all. We have compiled a liturgy and a prayer for use during this special service. The prayer takes the form of a responsive litany, engaging the congregation in the prayer. We hope this will be a useful resource in your service.

With much appreciation

GRAPE Team

Abbreviations used in this liturgy:

L = Liturgist/Leader

C = Congregation

1. Call to gather

L = Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne, O God.

C = Steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

L = Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

C = We gather to worship the God who breaks the chains of oppression and calls every person beloved.

2. Confessions and lament

Liturgist/Leader to pray:

Merciful God,
in a world marked by chronic divisions and inequalities,
we confess our complicity.
We have benefited from systems of privilege and power
while ignoring the cries of the oppressed.
For the times we have been silent in the face of injustice,
and for our failure to see your image in every person,
forgive us.
Heal our brokenness
and give us the courage
to make our faith an active prayer for equality.

3. Words of assurance

Liturgist/Leader to read:

Hear the promise of the Gospel:

God does not break the bruised reed nor quench the dimly burning wick.

In Christ, we are forgiven and empowered to walk humbly and do justice.

(Adapted from Isaiah 42:3 and Micah 6:8)

4. Liturgy of the Word

L = Lord hear our prayer for the marginalised, for the poor, the refugee, and those treated as lesser, we pray:

C = Lord, hear our cry.

L = Lord hear our prayer for judges, lawmakers, and those in authority, that they may dismantle unjust laws and impartially protect all people:

C = Lord, hear our cry.

L = Lord hear our prayer that we may move beyond prayers of comfort to active solidarity with those who suffer:

C = Lord, hear our cry.

(Adapted from Gal 3:28, James 2, Amos 5, Luke 4)

5. Prayer

Liturgist/Leader to pray:

Righteous and Just Father, we lift up to You all who suffer under the weight of injustice, oppression, and unfairness.

Be a shield for the vulnerable and a voice for the voiceless.

Grant supernatural comfort to those who are hurting, and bring about a swift end to the systems and prejudices that cause such pain.

Lord our prayer is that you will use the UBI campaign to bring about restoration so that justice and restoration can take place in our country. We as churches have a responsibility to be the voice for those who are marginalised. We pray that you will use and bless the UBI campaign.

Amen

6. Blessing/ Benediction

Liturgist/Leader: (If you are willing and feel comfortable, please open your hands to receive the blessing)

**Receive the blessing from our Lord,
May God bless you with a holy restlessness at easy answers,
half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that you may live deep within your heart.**

**May God bless you with righteous anger
at injustice, oppression,
and the exploitation of people,
so that you may work tirelessly
for justice, freedom, and equality
for all of God's children.**

**May God bless you with tears to shed
for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war,
so that you may reach out your hand
to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.**

**And may God bless you with enough foolishness
to believe that you can make a difference in this world,
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done:
to bring justice and love to all our brothers and sisters.**

**May the blessing of God Almighty—
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—
rest upon you and remain with you, now and forevermore.
Amen.**

(Adjusted version of the Franciscan Benediction)