Open the Doors of My Heart

A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

"As long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. Luke 16:19–21), there can be no justice or social peace." Pope Francis

God of Abraham,
Everywhere we go we see Lazarus.
But we also see so many doors,
doors that separate us from Lazarus.

Lord, teach us to open those doors
To Lazarus, to the poor,
to help them find
a just share of your bounty.

This World Day of the Poor,
help us all turn to those outside our door,
to bless, heal and comfort them.

Help us to build a world together,
where the poor are strangers to none,
and the very chains of poverty are broken.
Amen.

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