

God of life,

Out of love for your people

You raised Jesus,

Bringing us hope, joy and a celebration of new life.

Help us to share the good news of your love

And work together to create a world that is fair,

and full of your love.

Amen

## From Cross to Resurrection

All-loving and ever-living God,  
you gave your servant Archbishop Oscar Romero  
the courage to witness to the Gospel of Christ,  
even to the point of giving his life  
in the pursuit of justice.

Help us to love you,  
to seek you with all our hearts,  
and to rejoice in the resurrection victory,  
over all oppression, of your beloved Christ,  
living and reigning in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.

Amen

## Recreate the world

Creator God,  
Because of your abundant love  
you chose to bring light and order into the formless void,  
to create a world of unsurpassed beauty  
and you saw that it was good.  
We ask that you continue to recreate the world  
with that same attentive love,  
to bring light into today's ever increasing chaos and darkness  
where we have failed to be stewards and carers of your  
creation.  
Replenish our hearts  
so that we too can renew the face of the earth.

Amen.

*Kieran O'Brien/CAFOD*

## Broken Bread

God, whom we meet in bread and wine,  
in body broken and blood outpoured,  
fill us with your compassion,  
that we may hear the cries of the hungry  
and reach out to those in need.

Engender in us a thirst for justice,  
that the hungry will be satisfied  
and the rich sent empty away.

Roll away our apathy  
that, with arms outstretched,  
we may offer life in place of death  
and hope in the face of despair.

Amen.

## *Overcoming the Cross of hunger*

Risen Lord,  
shed your light on those who live in the shadow of death  
and warm the hearts of those who have lost hope,  
that they who daily bear the cross of hunger  
may find your Promised Land,  
and move from slavery to freedom.  
As we proclaim your Easter song  
help us to die to greed and rise to justice,  
to abandon apathy and take up action,  
that rich and poor together may travel the road to freedom,  
and be restored to your resurrection life.

Amen.

*Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD*

## *Resurrection Light*

*Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us  
may your dawn beckon.*

*When fear paralyses us  
may your touch release us.*

*When grief torments us  
may your peace enfold us.*

*When memories haunt us  
may your presence heal us.*

*When justice fails us  
may your anger ignite us.*

*When apathy stagnates us  
may your challenge renew us.*

*When courage leaves us  
may your spirit inspire us.*

*When despair grips us  
may your hope restore us.*

*And when death threatens us  
may your resurrection light lead us.*

*Amen.*

## *You are the resurrection*

*How wonderful, Lord Jesus, you came back  
You suffered death but conquered it  
You laid in the tomb but on the third day  
You rose again  
O joyful day, Lord Jesus, when you returned  
You are the resurrection, our hope and our life  
O glorious and victorious Redeemer  
Help us not to be afraid of death  
For we must pass through it to see you face to face  
And on the last day we will rise again  
For you said so  
Let us rejoice and praise you  
Our Blessed and triumphant Lord  
On this happy, joyful feast.*

*Amen.*