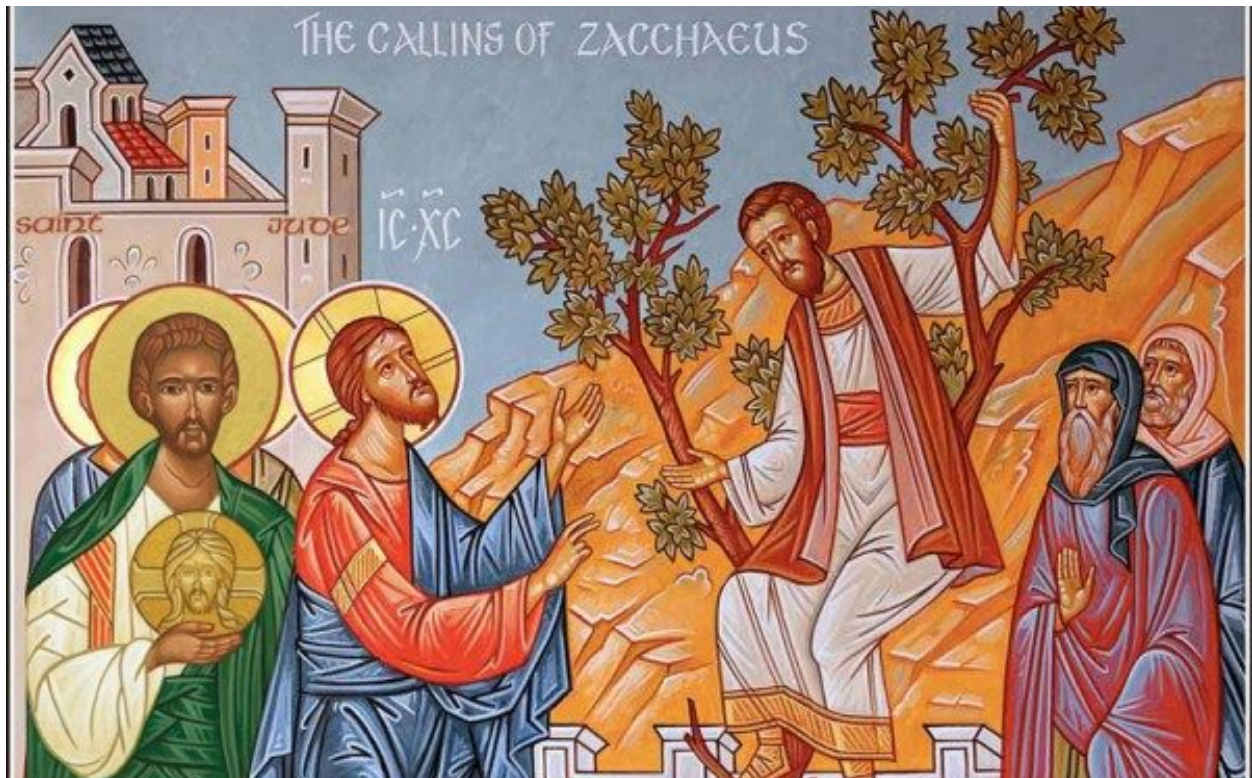


A Service for Economic Justice

Servicio de Justicia Económica



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Prelude: Instrument of Peace by the Porter's Gate

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Lord, make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is darkness, let me sow light.
For in the giving, we shall receive,
And in the dying, we're given life.

Where there is sorrow, let me sow hope.
Where there is doubt, let me sow faith.
Where is injury, your pardon give.
Your consolation to those in pain.

Brief Welcome/ Breve bienvenida

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures for ever.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. [His servants] will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. (Revelation 22:1,4-5)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

("Collect for commerce and industry" from
Book of Common Prayer, 259.)

Bendigan al Señor, quien perdona
todos nuestros pecados.

Para siempre es su misericordia

El ángel me mostró un río limpio, de agua de vida. Era claro como el cristal, y salía del trono de Dios y del Cordero. [Sus siervos] Lo verán cara a cara, y llevarán su nombre en la frente. Allí no habrá noche, y los que allí vivan no necesitarán luz de lámpara ni luz del sol, porque Dios el Señor les dará su luz, y ellos reinarán por todos los siglos. (Apocalipsis 22:1,4-5)

Oremos.

Dios todopoderoso, cuyo Hijo Jesucristo en su vida terrenal compartió nuestro esfuerzo y santificó nuestro trabajo: Sé con tu pueblo dondequiera que trabaje; haz que cuantos se ocupan de la industria y el comercio de esta tierra sean sensibles a tu voluntad; concédenos satisfacción en todo lo que hagamos y una justa retribución por nuestro trabajo; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor, que vive y reina contigo, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, ahora y por siempre. *Amén.* (Colecta por el comercio y la industria del Libro Oración Común, 177.)

Opening Song: Blue Collar Praise by Common Hymnal

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We dream of you on city streets
Breathing again on our bones
We dream of you at kitchen sinks
Your glory filling our homes

We dream of you on country roads
Strolling along with our friends
Leaving behind, flickering screens
To be together again

**We are not beasts of burden
We are children of grace
And the blue in our collars
Is a garment of praise**

Let the earth rejoice, Let the seas resound
Let the people sing their songs of joy
Let the rocks cry out, Let the rivers roll
Let the people sing their songs of joy

Psalm 72:1-14

Refrain:

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor, and shall redeem their lives from oppression.

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
And your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
And the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the
people, *
And the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
He shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

Refrain.

- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
From one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
Like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
There shall be abundance of peace till the moon
shall be no more.
- 8 He shall rule from sea to sea, *
And from the River to the ends of the earth.

Refrain.

- 9 His foes shall bow down before him, *
And his enemies lick the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay
tribute, *
And the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
And all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in
distress, *
And the oppressed who has no helper.

Refrain.

- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
He shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and
violence, *
And dear shall their blood be in his sight.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for
ever. Amen.

Refrain.

- 1 Oh Dios, da tu juicio al Rey, *
y tu justicia al Hijo del Rey;
- 2 Para que rija a tu pueblo con justicia, *
y a tus pobres con juicio;
- 3 Para que los montes traigan prosperidad a tu
pueblo, *
y los collados justicia.
- 4 Defenderá a los necesitados del pueblo; *
rescatará a los pobres y aplastará al opresor.

Estribillo

- 5 Vivirá mientras duren el sol y la luna, *
de generación en generación.
- 6 Descenderá como el agua sobre el campo segado, *
como la lluvia que empapa la tierra seca.
- 7 En aquel día florecerán los justos, *
y habrá abundancia de paz, hasta que no haya luna.
- 8 Dominará de mar a mar, *
y del río hasta los confines de la tierra.

Estribillo

- 9 Ante él se postrarán sus adversarios, *
y sus enemigos lamerán el polvo.
- 10 Los reyes de Tarsis y de las islas le pagarán
tributos, *
y los reyes de Sabá y de Arabia le ofrecerán
dones.
- 11 Todos los reyes se postrarán delante de él, *
y todas las naciones le servirán;
- 12 Porque él libraré al pobre que clamare, *
y al oprimido que no tuviere quien le socorra.

Estribillo

- 13 Tendrá compasión de los humildes y de los
menesterosos; *
salvará la vida de los necesitados.
- 14 De opresión y violencia redimirá sus vidas, *
y la sangre de ellos será preciosa a sus ojos.
Gloria al Padre, y al Hijo, y al Espíritu Santo: *
Como era en el principio, ahora, y siempre,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Estribillo

A Reading from St. Luke (1:46-55)

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Lectura de San Lucas (1:46-55)

María dijo: «Mi alma alaba la grandeza del Señor; mi espíritu se alegra en Dios mi Salvador. Porque Dios ha puesto sus ojos en mí, su humilde esclava, y desde ahora siempre me llamarán dichosa; porque el Todopoderoso ha hecho en mí grandes cosas. ¡Santo es su nombre! Dios tiene siempre misericordia de quienes lo reverencian. Actuó con todo su poder: deshizo los planes de los orgullosos, derribó a los reyes de sus tronos y puso en alto a los humildes. Llenó de bienes a los hambrientos y despidió a los ricos con las manos vacías. Ayudó al pueblo de Israel, su siervo, y no se olvidó de tratarlo con misericordia. Así lo había prometido a nuestros antepasados, a Abraham y a sus futuros descendientes.»

Palabra del Señor

Pueblo

Demos Gracias a Dios

Sermon: Ryan Hawthorne (DAS Student, Candidate for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Texas)**Song of Praise: The Zacchaeus Song by the Porter's Gate**

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Jesus our Lord came to seek and to save.
He sought me out and He called me by name
(foolish and proud like a sheep gone astray),
He said, "Child, to your house I will come today."

Much I have gained, but I'll give even more;
half of my wealth, it was robbed from the poor.
O this injustice, Lord, help me restore,
for You called me by name and said "Sin no more."

Salvation has come; salvation has come to this house today

He said it's more bless-ed to give than receive,
to open my hands to the ones I've deceived,
to bring reparation of all I have thieved.
[Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!] Yes, now I can see.

What I've taken from the poor - I will give it all away
And their cries won't be ignored, I will give it all away
Let your justice be restored - I will give it all away
What I thought was mine is yours - I will give it all away

Jesus our Lord comes to seek and to save
the broken the lost, and the sheep gone astray.
O lay down your treasures, for they're just golden chains;
He says, "Child I will come to your house today."

A Franciscan Litany

By Vida D. Scudder, S.C.H.C. as published in *Manual of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross* (1930);
Translated by Racié Prat, TSSF; Minimally Adapted by Ryan Hawthorne

Let us give thanks:

For the perfect joy of St. Francis and his Companions, fulfilled in welcome to persecution and pain;

**We thank you, O Lord,
and bless your holy Name.**

For Francis' love of all living things: of fish and birds and beasts and Sibling Wolf; for his delight in Brother Sun, Sister Wind, Brother Fire, and all creation of God;

**We thank you, O Lord,
and bless your holy Name.**

For the poverty of St. Francis and his Companions and their rejection of all claims of ownership; for their refusal to know ease while others were in want;

**We thank you, O Lord,
and bless your holy Name.**

Let us raise our eyes with those of Francis to the Crucified Seraph: Love crucified, yet winged; bound, yet aspiring. Let us rejoice that there are those deemed worthy to bear in their bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Let us give thanks for the Companions of St. Francis: for the faith of Brother Potter of Peckham, that he had along with the love of ordinary people.; the simplicity and dedication of Vida Scudder; And let us give thanks for Sister Clare.

**We thank thee, O Lord,
and bless thy holy Name.**

Let us give thanks.

For the Franciscan singing that echoes so sweetly down the ages;

**We thank you, O Lord,
and bless your holy Name.**

For their service to our Lord's poor, and to the cause of the people.

**We thank you, O Lord,
and bless your holy Name.**

For all others who have released love into civilization;

**We thank you, O Lord,
and bless your holy Name.**

Let us pray for such nearness in spirit to Francis and to the Lord of Francis that we may be with him delivered from evils:

Demos gracias:

Por la perfecta alegría de San Francisco y sus Compañeros, colmada en la acogida a la persecución y el sufrimiento;

**Te damos gracias, Señor,
y bendecimos tu santo Nombre.**

Por el amor de Francisco a todos los seres vivos: a los peces, las aves, las bestias y al hermano Lobo; por su deleite en el Hermano Sol, el Hermano Viento, el Hermano Fuego y toda la creación de Dios;

**Te damos gracias, Señor,
y bendecimos tu santo Nombre.**

Por la pobreza de San Francisco y sus Compañeros y su rechazo a toda pretensión de heredad; por su repulsa a conocer el reposo mientras otros permanecían en la necesidad;

**Te damos gracias, Señor,
y bendecimos tu santo Nombre.**

Alcemos los ojos con los ojos de Francisco al Serafín crucificado: Amor crucificado, pero alado; atado, pero anhelante. Regocijémonos que haya quienes se estimen dignos de llevar en sus cuerpos las marcas del Señor Jesús.

Demos gracias por los Compañeros de San Francisco: por la fe del hermano Potter de Peckham, que con el amor a la gente ordinario; la sencillez y dedicación de Vida Scudder; Y demos gracias por la hermana Clara.

**Te damos gracias, Señor,
y bendecimos tu santo Nombre.**

Demos gracias.

Por el canto franciscano que resuena tan dulcemente a través de los siglos;

**Te damos gracias, Señor,
y bendecimos tu santo Nombre.**

Por su servicio a los pobres de nuestro Señor y a la causa del pueblo.

**Te damos gracias, Señor,
y bendecimos tu santo Nombre.**

Por todos los otros que han liberado al amor en la civilización;

**Te damos gracias, Señor,
y bendecimos tu santo Nombre.**

Oremos por tal cercanía en espíritu a Francisco y al Señor de Francisco que podamos ser, con él, librados de los males:

From the love of money,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From anxieties concerning property or livelihood,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lust of ownership,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all bargaining instincts,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From undue desire to appropriate beauty or comfort
or to enjoy ease,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From the acquisitiveness of the affections,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all power to enjoy what we cannot share,
Good Lord, deliver us.

That whatever our outward circumstances, we may
tread strictly, even at a cost, the hard and narrow
way of inward poverty;
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That we may know the peace of never measuring
our rewards against our services;
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That we may be granted passionate desire to share
all beauty and blessing equally with the least and
lowest;
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That the will of Christ in regard to the tenure of
private property may be revealed to his Church,
and that she may have courage so to guide her
children that the promises of the Beatitudes may be
theirs;
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That the fervour of the first apostolic community of
Christians, when they held all things in common,
may be renewed in our hearts;
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That we may see how to reconcile personal release
from greed with the organization necessary to
social progress;
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That the noble incentive of love may replace the
base incentive of profit as the motive force in
industry among Christian nations;
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Del amor al dinero,
Buen Señor, líbranos.

De las angustias relacionadas con la propiedad o el
sustento diario,
Buen Señor, líbranos.

De la avidez por las posesiones materiales,
Buen Señor, líbranos.

De todos los instintos de obtener ganancias,
Buen Señor, líbranos.

De la tentación ilícita de apropiarse de la belleza, o
la comodidad o de gustar lo fácil,
Buen Señor, líbranos.

De la codicia de los afectos,
Buen Señor, líbranos.

De todo poder para disfrutar lo que no podemos
compartir,
Buen Señor, líbranos.

Que sean cuales sean nuestras condiciones
externas, podamos caminar con rectitud, aún a
costa del camino severo y angosto de la pobreza
interior;
Te rogamos nos escuches, buen Señor.

Que conozcamos la paz de nunca cuantificar
nuestra retribución comparándola con nuestros
servicios;
Te rogamos nos escuches, buen Señor.

Que se nos conceda el deseo ferviente de
compartir toda belleza y bendición por igual con los
más pequeños y los más humildes;
Te rogamos nos escuches, buen Señor.

Que la voluntad de Cristo en cuanto al ejercicio de
los bienes privados sea revelada a su Iglesia, y que
ella tenga el valor de guiar a sus hijos para que las
promesas de las Bienaventuranzas sean suyas;
Te rogamos nos escuches, buen Señor.

Para que el fervor de la primera comunidad
apostólica de cristianos, cuando tenían todas las
cosas en común, se renueve en nuestros
corazones;
Te rogamos nos escuches, buen Señor.

Que la Iglesia restaure el Mandato Apostólico de la
Pobreza como parte integral de su enseñanza;
Te rogamos nos escuches, buen Señor.

Que descubramos cómo conciliar el reconocimiento
personal de nuestra propia avaricia con el orden
necesario para el progreso social;
Te rogamos nos escuches, buen Señor.

That we who are God's little poor folk may have grace to know ourselves beggars all, and to receive gifts from God and man without pride or laziness, in humility and joy;

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That we may journey on together bravely, with songs on our lips, to the commonwealth of God;

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Let us give thanks for our sure hope of finding ourselves together in that heavenly city where the possessions of each shall be the possessions of all, and where problems of mine and thine shall torment us no longer;

We thank you, O Lord, and bless your holy Name.

Almighty, most holy, most high, and supreme God, highest good, all good, wholly good, who alone art good: to thee we render all praise, all glory, all thanks, all honour, all blessing, and we shall always refer all good to thee. **AMEN.**

Que el noble estímulo del amor suplante la tentación básica de la ganancia como fuerza motriz de la empresa entre las naciones cristianas;

Te rogamos nos escuches, buen Señor.

Que nosotros, pobrecillos de Dios, obtengamos la gracia de reconocernos a nosotros mismos, mendigos todos, y recibir dones de Dios y del Hombre sin orgullo ni pereza, con humildad y alegría;

Te rogamos nos escuches, buen Señor.

Para que podamos peregrinar juntos con valentía, con cánticos en los labios, hacia la Patria Celestial;

Te rogamos nos escuches, buen Señor.

Demos gracias por nuestra esperanza cierta de encontrarnos juntos en esa ciudad celestial donde las posesiones de uno serán las posesiones de todos, y donde los problemas míos y tuyos ya no nos atormentarán;

**Te damos gracias, Señor,
y bendecimos tu santo Nombre.**

Omnipotente, santísimo, altísimo y sumo Dios, todo bien, sumo bien, total bien, que eres el solo bueno, a ti te ofrezcamos toda alabanza, toda gloria, toda gracia, todo honor, toda bendición y todos los bienes. **Amén.**

The Lord's Prayer, Music by Liturgical Folk

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Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

O Creative Word, who while on earth didst not disdain to be known as the Carpenter; Grant freedom to those enslaved by luxury, and deliverance to those bound by want, that the rich may joyfully follow the simplicity of thy most holy life, and the poor may obtain the inheritance of the meek, and that the hearts of all may be set with one accord to discover the Way of Salvation; through thy mercy, who for our sakes didst become poor, that we through thy poverty might become rich. **Amen.**

("For Rich and Poor" as published in *Manual of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross* (1930), Minimally Adapted by Derek Larson, TSSF)

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to him from generation to generation in
the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Bendigamos al Señor.
Demos gracias a Dios.

Gloria a Dios, cuyo poder, actuando en nosotros,
puede realizar todas las cosas infinitamente mejor
de lo que podemos pedir o pensar: Gloria a él en la
Iglesia de generación en generación, y en Cristo
Jesús por los siglos de los siglos. Amén. *Ef. 3:20,21*

Closing Song: Cuando el Pobre Crea en el Pobre

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**Cuando el pobre crea en el pobre,
ya podemos cantar libertad.
Cuando el pobre crea en el pobre,
construimos la fraternidad.**

Hasta luego, mis hermanos que la Misa terminó:
ya escuchamos lo que Dios nos habló.
Ahora sí estamos claros, ya podemos caminar,
la tarea debemos continuar.

Rough Translation:

**When those who are poor believe in others who are poor,
We're already singing a song of liberation.**

**When those who are poor believe in others who are poor,
We are building a fraternal community.**

See you later, my siblings, the Mass has come to an end,
and we've heard what God has spoken to us.
Now that we are clear, we can go on walking,
Continuing the work we must do.

Todos nos comprometimos en la mesa del Señor
a construir en este mundo el amor;
que al luchar por los hermanos se hace la comunidad:
Cristo vive en la solidaridad.

Cuando el pobre busca al pobre y nace la organización
es que empieza nuestra liberación.
Cuando el pobre anuncia al pobre
la esperanza que Él nos dio,
es que el Reino entre nosotros nació.

We all promised at the table of the Lord
To create love in this world;
May the fight for our siblings make a community:
Christ lives in solidarity

When the poor seek the poor and they begin to organize;
It is the beginning of our liberation.
When the poor testify to the poor the hope God has given us,
The Kingdom is born among us.

Sample of Booher Library Resources on Theology, Ministry, and Economic Justice

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By Pamela Couture.

Other Resources

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival
<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>

The Episcopal Network for Economic Justice
<http://www.enej.org/>

THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

A NATIONAL CALL FOR MORAL REVIVAL

In 2018, the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival released its [Poor People's Moral Agenda & Declaration of Fundamental Rights](#). Its demands address systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, militarism, and a distorted moral narrative that keeps these systemic injustices intact. The connections between these 5 themes are why we must continue to build power among the 140 million poor & dispossessed of this nation. Fight poverty, not the poor!

IN Texas:

Poverty:

- 44% of people in Texas are [poor or low-income](#)—a total of 12.6 million residents. This includes 55% of children (4 million), 47% of women (6.6 million), 55% of Black people (1.8 million), 61% of Latinx people (6.4 million), and 31% of White people (3.7 million).
- From 1979 to 2012, [income](#) for the top 1% grew by 149%, while income for the bottom 99% only grew 2%.

Systemic racism:

- 55% of the eligible voting-age population in Texas turned out to vote in 2016, out of 17.3 million [eligible voters](#). That includes 57% of 2.3 million eligible Black voters, 41% of 4.7 million eligible Latinx voters, 47% of 715 thousand eligible Asian voters, and 55% of 13.9 million eligible White voters.
- More than 495 thousand residents cannot vote due to [felony disenfranchisement](#), including over 147 thousand Black people (6% of the Black population in Texas).
- Of the over 162 thousand people [imprisoned](#) in Texas as of 2017, about 67% are people of color.
- Black residents of Texas are [incarcerated](#) at 4 times the rate of White residents.

Militarism and the war economy:

- From 2008 to 2014, TX law enforcement received at least \$139 million in [federal military equipment](#).
- Texas taxpayers contributed \$61.33 billion [to the military](#) in 2018.
- Over 353 thousand veterans have incomes [below \\$35,000](#)—this is 22% of the TX veteran population as of 2015.
- Texas has 184 [ICE detention centers](#) as of 2019. Over 2.2 million people were [deported](#) from Texas between 2003 and 2018, the most of any state. Over 172 thousand immigration removal cases are currently [pending](#). Meanwhile, 1.6 million residents of the state are [undocumented](#), and 13% of K-12 students have undocumented parents.

Ecology and health:

- 4.9 million people in Texas are [uninsured](#) as of 2018.
- 26% of census tracts in Texas are at-risk for being [unable to afford water](#).

Family, community, and education:

- Texas currently ranks 32nd of all states in quality of [child education](#). 71% of fourth graders are [not proficient in reading](#), and 67% of eighth-graders are [not proficient in math](#) as of 2017.
- Nonwhite [school districts](#) receive an average of \$830 less in funding per student than white districts. Poor nonwhite school districts receive \$296 less per student than poor white districts.
- 3.8 million people benefit from the [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) monthly as of 2016.
- As of 2015, 1.7 million children live in [food-insecure households](#), 24% of all children in Texas.
- 27% of children in Texas have [parents without secure jobs](#) as of 2016 – that's 2 million children.

Everybody's got a right to live:

- Over 25 thousand people in Texas are [homeless](#) as of 2018.
- Working at the 2018 state minimum wage, it takes 112 hours of [work per week](#) to afford a 2-bedroom apartment.
- 5.3 million make [under \\$15 an hour](#)—48% of TX's workforce as of 2018, the 5th highest of all states.
- The minimum wage in Texas is \$7.25 in 2019. A [living wage](#) in the state in 2019 would be \$25.01 an hour.

THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

A NATIONAL CALL FOR MORAL REVIVAL

NATIONWIDE:

- Voting rights protections in many states are weaker than they were 50 years ago. 1 in 4 eligible voters isn't registered.
- The United States imprisons, detains and/or deports more people than any country in the world.
- 140 million people in the U.S. are poor or low-income – over 43.5% of the population – including 60.4% of Black people (26 million), 64.1% of Latinx people (38 million), 40.8% of Asian people (8 million), 58.9% of Native and Indigenous people (2.14 million), and 33.5% of White people (66 million).
- 53 cents of every federal discretionary dollar is spent on the military; only 15 cents goes to anti-poverty programs.
- At least 28% of children (20.7 million) in the U.S. have parents who don't have steady jobs. This includes 43% of Black children (4.4 million), 46% of Native/Indigenous children (265,880), 21% (781,935) of Asian children, 33% (6.2 million) of Latinx, and 22% (8.5 million) White children.
- 13.8 million U.S. households cannot afford water, and the poor are bearing the brunt of climate change effects.
- Native & Indigenous people are living with the ongoing legacy of genocide & systemic racism, with disproportionately high rates of poverty, homelessness, & overrepresentation in the US military, and continuous struggles to defend sovereignty & land rights. Organizers can explore native-land.ca to acknowledge the Indigenous territory on which you reside.

IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THIS WAY.

Contrary to common myths, our country — the richest in the world — has abundant resources to protect the environment and ensure dignified lives for all people.

- [This year](#), the richest 1% of Texas residents are expected to receive 33% of the GOP tax law's benefits coming to the state. Texas's richest 1% can expect an average tax cut in 2020 of \$66,780, while the poorest 20% in the state can expect an average tax cut of just \$90.
- Texas's contribution to [the country's endless wars](#) in Iraq, Afghanistan and beyond totals \$550.8 billion since 2001, and could instead have created over 382 thousand new jobs in clean energy, or placed every TX child in Head Start early childhood education programs, or covered Medicaid for over 11.1 million adults for the past 18 years.
- Texas has spent at least \$1.5 billion in [public subsidies for corporations](#) over the past five years that could have instead gone to our communities and our needs.

As revealed in the [Poor People's Moral Budget: Everybody Has the Right to Live!](#), it is possible to invest society's resources to establish justice, domestic tranquility, security, & the general welfare for all.

- It would take \$750 million dollars over five years to implement automatic voter registration and make our democracy more secure. This is 1/1000 of the \$750 billion that are being committed to the Pentagon in 2018.
- If we cut \$350 billion in annual military spending, we would make our nation and the world more secure.
- We could raise \$886 billion in estimated annual revenue from fair taxes on the wealthy, corporations, & Wall Street to meet our urgent social & ecological needs.
- For every \$1 invested in early childhood education, society would gain \$7.30 due to reduced poverty, lower incarceration rates, & better health outcomes.
- Inaction on climate change could cost \$3.3 trillion per year for the U.S. economy – the equivalent of five Great Recessions every year. A \$200 billion per year investment in clean energy transition would begin to address climate change and create 2.7 million new jobs.

Read more from the Poor People's Moral Budget here: www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/budget

Everybody has the right to live!

