

BE A PROPHET TODAY



INTRODUCTION: We thank you, Lord, that you are our God, friend of men and women, a Father and Mother Who gathers us in fraternal community to build -for all – a new world of joy without end.

We thank you, because we see your face in Christ, who lives in each of us, in oppressed people, where we discover the power of your Spirit growing in love and justice.

Song: Appropriate to the prayer

Reading: Isaiah 42,6

Distribute to everyone, the following texts on new prophetic ways and then share the reflection.

1. Prophecy and wisdom are like a couple on the street. They are perceptible. They do not arise from within in institutions, but outside of them.

The current prophet has abandoned our religious institutions and is challenging us through different situations: in groups defending human rights; in groups seeking out people who are lost; in student movements; among workers,

womens' groups, indigenous people;

and in other groups struggling for recognition of their rights.



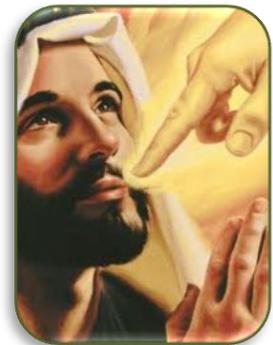
2. The new prophetic faces are 'street' movements characterized by common leadership, by joint suffering, by common goals, common protests in pursuit of more just situations and whose only power is public outcry.

3. The new prophetic faces are 'voices that cry out in the wilderness' without being heard by the institutions that

violate their rights; without being heard by the religious institutions who are more concerned with survival; without being heard by the bewildering passivity of people sitting in front of their TV's watching history taking place, without their participation.

4. The new prophet is characterized by challenging and protesting the situations of injustice, to promote peace and to keep hope alive in order to build a better world.

5. The new prophetic faces are groups of indigenous people, organized in the mountains, to care for themselves



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because their authorities cannot and won't do it.



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Our Father who are in the rain forest, in the sea, in the desert and in the city; blessed be your creation, full of movement, strength and life.

Come to us in your wisdom,

To protect and develop the beauty you have given us, which is in flower and rainbow, water, and fertile mother earth, the warm breath of the Sun and the cool darkness of the shade.

Thy will be done,

so that we can be human beings in your image and likeness, who assume the challenge of sustaining the vital process of creation.

Give us today the green of every day,

on the lawn, on the hill, in the garden and on the land which struggles.

Forgive our irresponsibility,

in not taking care of what you have given us, as we through love, forgive the polluters. We strongly urge them to end their work of destruction.



And do not let us fall into desertification

that is leading to death, which negates your work and annihilates life. Deliver us from complacency, so that we can be transformed.

FINAL SONG: An appropriate song

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