

# Prayers Fairtrade Prayers Fairtrade

## A Prayer

Tilt the scales,

O God of the mustard seed:

That the poor shall see justice.

Share the feast,

O God of Eden's abundant garden:

That each crop may fetch a fair price.

Upset the tables,

O God of the upside-down Kingdom:

That the least can benefit from their trade.

Open our eyes,

O God of life in all its fullness:

That we may learn to walk the way of your son

tilting, sharing, upsetting this world

Not satisfied

until the products we bring to our table

Give a better deal, to all who hunger for one.

In His name, Amen.

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We think of the people involved in the production of the chocolate which we can still taste. We pray for cocoa and sugar growers in Africa and the Caribbean, some of whom work in conditions near slavery, and others who face the insecurity of never knowing how much they will be paid for their next crop. We pray for justice for farming communities everywhere, and give thanks for the initiatives which support them, such as the FAIRTRADE Mark.

We pray for all those who work in factories throughout the world, manufacturing the goods that we take for granted, from Indian sweatshops to hi-tech plants in this country. Where people face lives of pitiful wages and long working hours, we ask for their liberation, and pray for their health and safety.

Finally, we pray for ourselves, that we will learn to shop responsibly. Open us to the full impact of our purchases, to the people behind the products. Make us better stewards of creation and more loyal servants of your Kingdom, where the weak are made strong; the strong, just; and the just, compassionate.