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Based on the gospel for 13 February, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Luke 6:17, 20-26

“Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.”

Many of us will be more familiar, and possibly more comfortable, with Matthew’s version of the beatitudes, than those we hear presented by Luke in this gospel.

Jesus calls us to recognise the overturning of the world’s values he is bringing about. It is those conventionally considered successful that receive his warning of woe; the rich, the satisfied, the laughing and those who enjoy status and reputation. It is the poor, the hungry, the crying and persecuted who are called happy; they will be restored and blessed.

We can, and should, rejoice in these words of consolation and promise, but we cannot ignore the challenge they bring.

Jesus is calling us to be rooted in his love, rather than allowing possessions or prestige to shape our identity. Jesus’ preaching reminds us that it is the marginalised and persecuted that God celebrates and to whom his Kingdom belongs.

How can we stand in solidarity with the poor, the hungry, the weeping, those laughed at and excluded?

Loving God,
Free us from greed and fear.
and help us choose your way of true happiness.
May we live rooted in the wealth of your love,
poured out upon us in Jesus.
Amen.



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Show solidarity with our brothers and sisters throughout the world and ask God to inspire us to make a difference

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Stand in solidarity

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