

Have mercy on us

(KK Yeo)

Gracious God,

have mercy on us when our democracy defines the Christian utopia,
when our capitalism defines the eschatological hope,
make us poor in spirit that we might be rich in your kingdom.

Have mercy on us when patriotism becomes our religion,
when our American dream becomes others' nightmare,
when our comfort becomes others' burden,
and our security becomes others' bondage,
help us to repent and mourn so that we might be comforted.

Have mercy on us when military power becomes our domination,
teach us to be meek thus inheriting the shalom of the world.

Remind us that we are blessed when we seek your righteousness,
and only your justice can satisfy our hunger, your love can quench our thirst.

Forbid us to be merciless, forbid us to conquer and retaliate in your name.

When we think of Washington D.C., and Riyah, Jerusalem,
help us see the tears of Christ.

Make our hearts pure in thinking of you,
simple in obeying you,
one in trusting you;

When we are in fear and desperation,
be with us, Emmanuel, that we might see a glimpse of your glory!

When we are insecure, assure us that You have accepted us as your beloved,

Yes, Lord, "Blessed are those who are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

Give us the vision of your reign, the rule of your righteousness,
grant us confidence in you and courage to proclaim your kingdom,
for the sake of Christ, Amen!