

I am a little confused about the questions. Are we supposed to answer them, or just think about them. Being me, I will do both:

Justice, as it was taught in this lesson, is that we are doing things to help those who need help. We are not judging how they got there, why they need help, etc., we are just helping. This can be on a personal level, or as a community.

The poor, vulnerable and “little ones” are well, those literal things: people who are impoverished, people who have no voice or power, and children. But in the figurative sense many of us are poor in some way, vulnerable in many ways and are indeed “little ones” yearning for the voice of our Father.

I think it would be very hard for us to grasp what the Old Testament people thought about the king, because we are “on the other side” and know who the king is.

I am not sure we, in the 21st century, have the same feelings. I think we get distracted.

Prayer for the Children

LORD you are awesome and amazing, all powerful and delightful. You are the God of our lives and the ruler of all. From heaven you gaze down on your creation and see all that we have done, both wrong and right. And you are holy and righteous, and will judge the people. We acknowledge your power and your place, in heaven and thank you that Jesus sits there with You advocating on our behalf.

LORD, we have declared you ruler over our lives and our city/region. We desperately need a repenting that can only come from you, regarding the way resources are distributed in schools. Father, remove the fear from those who have much. Help them to see that they won't lose in this change, but that we will all rise above where we are. Father, bring us a leader who will openly, loudly and clearly advocate for the children living in poverty, attending substandard schools, trying to learn in crazy environments. Help us not to judge them by their circumstances but to love them because you created them. You judge and take care of that wrong. You alone are righteous. From heaven come heal our region. Cast out our fear. Grow our love. Increase our resources. Inspire our leaders. Love us into who you want us to be.