

EXAMINING YOUR CONSCIENCE

As Jesus' parable of the rich man and the beggar shows, it's easy to fall into habits of injustice. Sometimes people don't recognize how they've hardened their consciences against the sights and sounds of injustice.

Use the following questions to examine your conscience on issues of everyday justice. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1. How do I treat people who don't look or act the way I like?**
- 2. What do I do to help people around the world?**
- 3. How do I use my time and money to help other people?**
- 4. When have I acted to stop injustice?**
- 5. When have I defended the rights of others?**

PRAYER FOR JUSTICE

Working for justice is hard. You alone cannot change the world. But you can pray for the world and for the courage to do your part.

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ cared for the welfare of everyone and went about doing good, grant us the imagination and perseverance to create in this country and throughout the world a just and loving society for the human family; and make us agents of your love to the suffering, the persecuted and the oppressed, through the Spirit of your Son, who shared the suffering of all people, our pattern and our redeemer, Jesus Christ.



Discuss with your family the problems of justice in your community. Decide on one thing that you can do as a family to help others in need. Work as a family to make it happen.