

**Some Words on the Occasion of
The First World Day of Prayer for the Poor
19 November 2017**

- 1) "I was hungry and you gave me food;
I was thirsty and you gave me drink;
I was a stranger, and you welcomed me;
naked and you clothed me;
I was sick and you cared for me;
I was in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:35-36)
- 2) "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)
- 3) "Blessed are you poor for yours is the Kingdom of heaven." (Luke 6:20)
- 4) "If you have come to help me you are wasting your time, but if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together." (Lila Watson, Aboriginal Australian)
- 5) "The poor are objects until we are poor, too." (Constance Fitzgerald, OCD. *Women's Spirituality*. p. 298)
- 6) "Until we claim our poverty, our poverty will claim us---in ways that are unconscious, negative, and destructive." (Richard Rohr, OFM)
- 7) "He has scattered the proud in their inmost thoughts" (Luke 1:51)
- 8) "It is only for your love alone that the poor will forgive you for giving them bread." (St. Vincent de Paul)
- 9) If weath were the inevitable result of hard work and enterprise then every woman in Africa would be a millionaire.