

POVERTY INITIATIVE COMMITTEE PRAYER

October 24, 2011

Dear Lord,

We pray that our gathering of the Poverty Initiative will reinforce our commitment to *help religious and community leaders build a social movement to end poverty, led by the poor.*

Lord, develop in us skills in dialog and the patience to practice it. We strive to educate ourselves to become the wisest and most active *organic intellectuals.*

Antonio Gramsci from prison showed us the necessity and the way to unite poor people as a first step in building the foundation for a more just world. Help us, Lord, to follow his example.

Show us the satisfaction and glory of becoming “Many Martins”. As such we will hold out for the dreams of Peace and Economic Justice.....and not be satisfied with the crumbs. We will not be content until we have early childhood education, living wages, full employment and direct democracy to provide jobs and a voice for the poor.

As our movement builds from its early foundation, help us construct a complete house, whose rooms will be durable and flexible. Our house will be known as a home of relationships where fairness will prevail and poverty will be a memory.

Dear God, as Master Creator, we ask your guidance and support in rebuilding and unifying our lives that we may forever serve you.

Amen.