

a blessing for when you're tired of broken systems

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o God, i am done with broken systems
that break the very people
they are meant to serve.

o God, harness this anger!
channel it into worthy action and show me
what is mine to fix and what boundaries to patrol
to keep goodness in and evil out.

God have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Spirit have mercy.

they have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug
their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.
Jeremiah 2:13

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blessed are we who are appalled
that brute ignorance can so easily dominate
over decency, honesty, and integrity.

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blessed are we who choose not to look away
from systems that dehumanize, deceive, defame, and distort.

blessed are we who stand
with truth over expediency,
principle over politics,
community over competition.

o God, how blessed are we who cry out to you:
empower us to see and name what is broken,
what is ours to restore,
guide us to find coherent and beautiful alternatives
that foster life, hope, and peace.
help us use our gifts with one another in unity.

blessed are we who choose to bear the tension
of leaning into this vision
while living in the not yet.

in God all things hold together.
Colossians 1:17

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Spirit have mercy.

stretch out on the ground.
lay out before God all that is broken.
wait for the healing spark that is yours to ignite.

God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.
Deuteronomy 33:27