

A Franciscan Blessing for Justice and Peace

May God bless you with discomfort...

at easy answers, hard hearts, half-truths, and superficial relationships.
May you live from deep within your heart where God's Spirit dwells.

May God bless you with anger...

at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people.
May God bless your work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears...

for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war.
May God bless your efforts to comfort and support victims everywhere.

May God bless you with enough foolishness

to believe that you can make a difference in this world
May God give you courage and tenacity and strength.

May God bless you with a voice

that can speak out about unjust laws, corrupt politicians, cruelty, war, genocide and poverty.

May God bless you with a heart for love and healing

in and through God's name and in God's Spirit
which is continually creating and breathing new life and grace into
everything and everyone we encounter.
Amen.

