

## *Cry of the Poor - Prayer Service*

### *"Give Me Your Eyes" Brandon Heath*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxe8vNpwIFI>

Looked down from a broken sky  
Traced out by the city lights  
My world from a mile high  
Best seat in the house tonight  
Touch down on the cold black-top  
Hold on for the sudden stop  
Breathe in the familiar shock of confusion  
and chaos  
All those people goin' somewhere, why  
have I never cared?

Refrain:

Give me Your eyes for just one second  
Give me Your eyes so I can see  
Everything that I keep missin'  
Give Your love for humanity  
Give me Your arms for the broken-hearted  
The ones that are far beyond my reach  
Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten  
Give me Your eyes so I can see  
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Step out on the busy street  
See a girl and our eyes meet  
Does her best to smile at me  
To hide what's underneath  
There's a man just to her right  
Black suit and a bright red tie  
Too ashamed to tell his wife he's out of  
work, he's buyin' time

All those people goin' somewhere, why  
have I never cared?

Refrain

I've been there a million times  
A couple million lives  
Just movin' past me by  
I swear, I never thought that I was wrong  
But I wanna second glance  
So give me a second chance  
To see the way You've seen the people all  
along  
Refrain

(Lord, give me Your eyes) Give me Your  
eyes so I can see  
Everything that I keep missing  
That I keep missing (Keep missing)  
Give me Your heart (Give me Your arms for  
the broken-hearted) for the broken-hearted  
(The ones that are far beyond my reach)  
Give me Your heart (Give me Your heart for  
the ones forgotten)  
Lord, give me Your eyes (Give me Your  
eyes so I can see)  
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah  
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Source: Musixmatch

### *Reflection*

[God] sees not only appearances (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), but turns his gaze to the "humble and contrite in spirit" (Is 66:2), to the many poor Lazaruses of our day. What harm we do to ourselves when we fail to notice Lazarus, excluded and cast out (cf. Lk 16:19-21)! It is turning away from God himself. It is the symptom of a spiritual sclerosis when we are only interested in objects to be produced rather than on persons to be loved. This is the origin of the tragic contradiction of our age: as progress and new possibilities increase, which is a good thing, less and less people are able to benefit from them. This is a great injustice that should concern us much more than knowing when or how the world will end. Because we cannot go about our business quietly at home while Lazarus lies at the door. There is no peace in the homes of the prosperous as long as justice is lacking in the home of everyone. (Pope Francis, Homily, November 13, 2016)

**Ps. 34 - "The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor" - John Foley**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFO1ldgCUMI>

**Scripture - Matthew 25: 34-45**

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'

Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'

He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'

**Magnificat:** Magnificat (St. Mary's Prayer) by Asaph Tunes feat. St. Mark's Music Melodies, Mariane Botros, and Chrissy Maurice

[Magnificat - A virgin Mary Hymn](#)

God as lowly as I am,  
Before your throne I stand,  
With outstretched arms and open hands,  
I rejoice at the words

You have done great things for me,  
You've exalted the lowly,  
Behold I come before you my King,  
And now my heart begins to sing

Refrain:  
My soul,  
Magnifies the Lord  
And my spirit has rejoiced in My God,  
In my womb your Son will rest,  
And the servant of the Lord,

**Closing Prayer**

Will be called blessed

All generations look to me,  
Because Your word rested in me,  
Merciful you have been always,  
From the beginning of my days.

Refrain

(Holy is your name My God and Savior,  
Mighty is Your hand,  
In Your mercy You came to redeem us,  
Worthy is the Lamb)

Worthy is the Lamb!

Refrain

Lord God, You came to give honour to the least, those forgotten, overlooked and misjudged. You came to give first place to the last, those left behind, misunderstood and undervalued. You came to give a warm welcome to the lost, those who are orphaned, abandoned and destitute. Help us to be your ears to listen to their cries. Help us to be your voice speaking out love and acceptance. Help us to be your feet walking beside those in need. Help us to be your hands to clothe, feed and shelter them. You came for the least, the lost and last of this world. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

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