

## *Luke 4*

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

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God's Spirit is on me; he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor,  
Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, To set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's time to shine!"

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he started in, "You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place."

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon US

He has anointed US to proclaim good news to the poor

He has sent US to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and  
recovery of sight for the blind

He has sent US to set the oppressed free and to proclaim the year  
of the Lord’s favour.”

## A liturgy for the city mission

Psalm 10: 17-18 (NLT)

Lord, you know the hopes of the helpless.

Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them.

You will bring justice to the orphans and the oppressed,  
so mere people can no longer terrify them.

Isaiah 6: 8 (NLT)

Then I heard the Lord asking, “Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?”

I said, “Here I am. Send me.”

*Where the homeless huddle  
in cardboard comfort*

**God of the underpass  
Send us out  
We will meet you there**

*Where debt and despair  
trap families in darkness*

**Light of the city  
Send us out  
We will meet you there**

*Where the needle and bottle  
deceive, imprison, and destroy*

**God of urban hope**

**Send us out**

**We will meet you there**

*Where hungry children  
search with empty stomachs through empty cupboards*

**Generous provider**

**Send us out**

**We will meet you there**

*Where little ones are told there is no God  
but still dream that you might be real*

**God of the innocent**

**Send us out**

**We will meet you there**

*Where our mothers and fathers sit alone  
surplus to requirements*

**Honourer of age**

**Send us out**

**We will meet you there**

*Where the seeker of asylum  
cowers from the flag with your cross*

**Global God of welcome**

**Send us out**

**We will meet you there**

*Where the teeming multitudes, move through concrete canyons,  
alone, isolated,  
fearful strangers all, lost in a sea of humanity*

**God of the rescue**

**Light in the darkness**

**Eternal hope**

**Send us out**

**We will meet you there**