

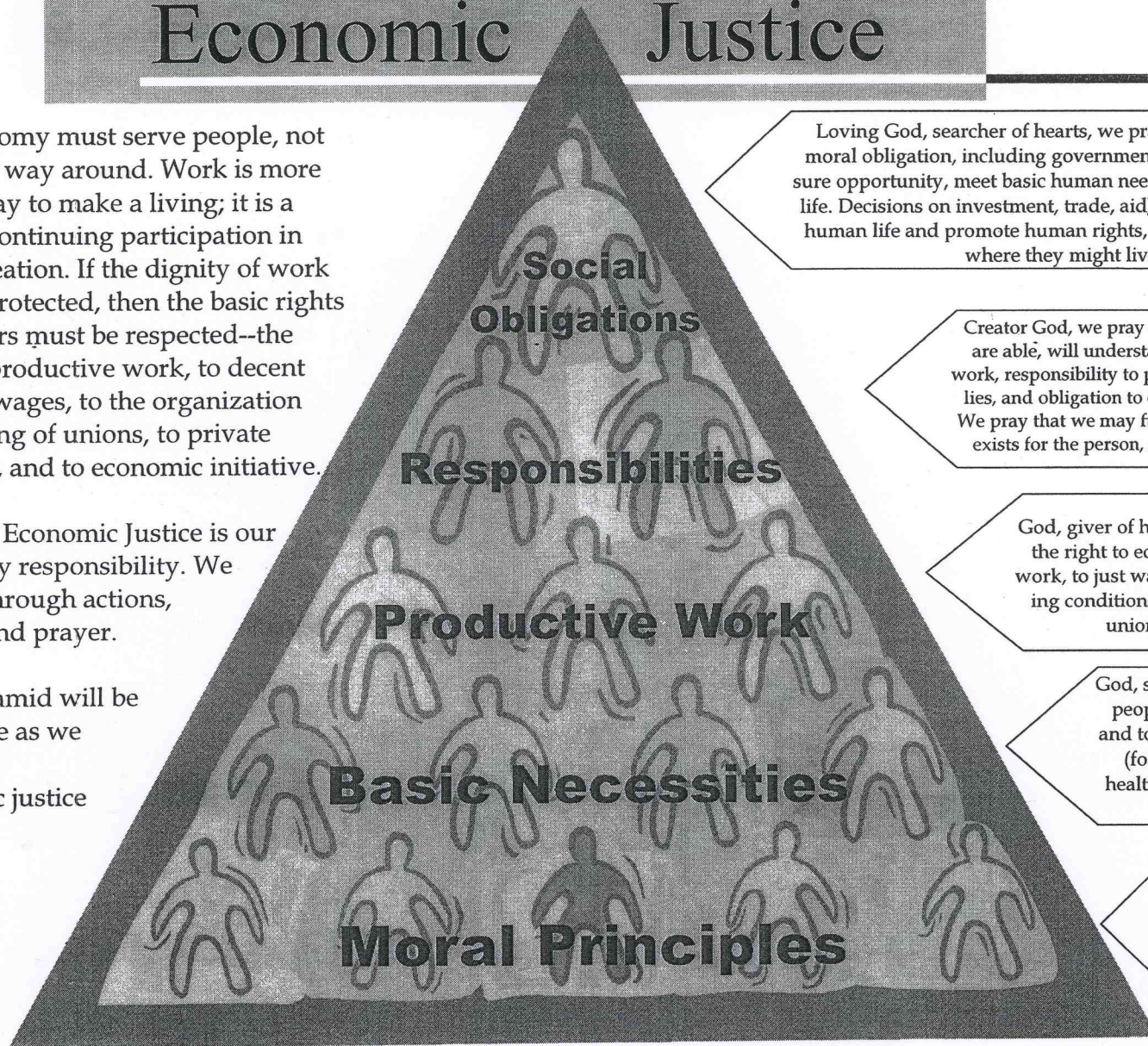
Building Blocks to

Economic Justice

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected--the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

Enacting Economic Justice is our every-day responsibility. We do this through actions, words, and prayer.

This pyramid will be our guide as we pray for economic justice for all.



Loving God, searcher of hearts, we pray that our society will fulfill its moral obligation, including governmental action where necessary, to assure opportunity, meet basic human needs, and pursue justice in economic life. Decisions on investment, trade, aid, and development should protect human life and promote human rights, especially for those most in need where they might live on this globe.

Creator God, we pray that all people, to the extent they are able, will understand their corresponding duty to work, responsibility to provide for the needs of their families, and obligation to contribute to the broader society. We pray that we may fully understand that the economy exists for the person, not the person for the economy.

God, giver of hope, we pray that all people have the right to economic initiative, to productive work, to just wages and benefits, to decent working conditions, as well as to organize and join unions or other associations.

God, sustainer of all life, we pray that all people be guaranteed the right to life and to secure the basic necessities of life (food, clothing, shelter, education, health care, safe environment and economic security).

Gracious God, we pray that our economic life be shaped by moral principles, that our choices protect the life and dignity of the human person, support the family, and serve the common good.