

HONOR THE LORD

The one who oppresses the poor person insults his Maker,
but one who is kind to the needy honors him.
Proverbs 14:31

Kindness to the poor is a loan to the LORD,
and he will give a reward to the lender.
Proverbs 19:17

The one who shuts his ears to the cry of the poor
will himself also call out and not be answered.
Proverbs 21:13

Don't rob a poor person because he is poor,
and don't crush the oppressed at the city gate,
for the LORD will champion their cause
and will plunder those who plunder them.
Proverbs 22:22-23

The one who gives to the poor
will not be in need,
but one who turns his eyes away
will receive many curses.
Proverbs 28:27

The righteous person knows the rights of the poor,
but the wicked one does not understand these concerns.
Proverbs 29:7

Speak up for those who have no voice,
for the justice of all who are dispossessed.
Speak up, judge righteously,
and defend the cause of the oppressed and needy.
Proverbs 31:8-9

1. We are poor.

The one who oppresses the poor person insults his Maker,
but one who is kind to the needy honors him.
Proverbs 14:31

2. God identifies with the poor.

For the LORD your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, mighty,
and awe-inspiring God, showing no partiality and taking no bribe. He executes
justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the resident alien, giving him
food and clothing Deuteronomy 10:17-18

3. Jesus has served us in our poverty.

The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free the oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.
Luke 4:18-19

Reflection Question:

Where is God alerting you to His heart for the poor?

Scripture from the CSB unless noted.