

## **Justice**

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Can justice come in courts?  
Can a widow's tears be dried by trials?  
Can a raped girl's shame be healed by ceremonies?  
Can a fatherless child be consoled?

What is justice to a mother whose children were slaughtered before she was raped?  
What is justice to a bride whose husband's last caress was the last she would ever know?  
What is justice to a woman who will never trust a man again?  
What is justice to an orphan in a refugee camp?  
What is justice to lawyers who still won't call it genocide?

Justice is the spirit of the law.  
Without justice, law is dead, like an empty skull.  
Without justice, there can be no reconciliation.  
Without justice, love cannot re-weave the social tapestry.  
Without justice, hope dies.  
Without justice, death conquers life.

Justice establishes the truth.  
Justice restores dignity to the victims.  
Justice recognizes a widow's grief.  
Justice is digging up bones and giving them proper burial.  
Justice is telling stories of suffering to someone who really listens.  
Justice is confession that your country was responsible.  
Justice means always having to say you're sorry.

Justice struggles to understand why people do such evil.  
Justice affirms that the rule of law is stronger than the rule of force.  
Justice says murderers cannot get away with genocide.  
Justice is the antidote to abandonment.  
Justice is reconnection with the human race.  
Justice restores the social order.  
Justice rebalances the moral universe.

Justice is God's force socially expressed.  
Love is God's force personally expressed.  
With justice and love, hope returns.  
Hope is the assurance that life will triumph over death.