

## Plowshare Prayer

**Song by Spencer LaJoye • 2022**

Dear blessed creator, dear mother, dear savior  
Dear father, dear brother, dear holy other  
Dear sibling, dear baby, dear patiently waiting  
Dear sad & confused, dear stuck & abused  
Dear end of your rope, dear worn out & broke  
Dear go it alone, dear running from home  
Dear righteously angry, forsaken by family  
Dear jaded & quiet, dear tough & defiant  
I pray that I'm heard  
And I pray that this works  
I pray if a prayer has been used as a sword  
Against you & your heart  
Against you & your word  
I pray that this prayer is a plowshare of sorts  
That it might break you open  
It might help you grow  
I pray that your body gets all that it needs  
And if you don't want healing  
I just pray for peace  
I pray that your burden gets lighter each day  
I pray the mean voice in your head goes away  
I pray that you honor the grief as it comes  
I pray you can feel all the life in your lungs  
I pray that if you go all day being brave  
That you can go home, go to bed  
Feeling safe  
I pray you're forgiven. I pray you forgive  
I pray you set boundaries & openly live  
I pray that you feel you are worth never leaving  
I pray that you know I will always believe you  
I pray that you're heard  
And I pray that this works  
Amen on behalf of the last & the least  
On behalf of the anxious, depressed & unseen  
Amen for the workers, the hungry, the houseless  
Amen for the lonely & recently spouseless  
Amen for the queers & their closeted peers  
Amen for the bullied who hold in their tears  
Amen for the mothers of little Black sons  
Amen for the kids who grow up scared of guns  
Amen for the addicts, ashamed & hungover  
Amen for the calloused, the wisened, the sober  
Amen for ones who want life to be over  
Amen for the leaders who lose their composure

And amen for the parents who just lost their baby  
Amen for chronically ill & disabled  
Amen for the children down at the border  
Amen for the victims of our law & order  
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Against you & your heart  
Against you & your word  
I pray that this prayer is a plowshare of sorts