

In Memory of Rosa Parks: A Role Model for Justice and Peace

We thank God for your life, Sister Rosa Parks.
You sat down for justice,
So hundreds of thousands of Americans
Could stand up in dignity.

You were the spark of the nonviolent
Civil Rights movement,
The catalyst that changed an entire society,
Helping us all to recognize the unjust system
Of segregation.

We are thankful for your generous spirit
And quiet courage that gave hope to so many
And that inspired an entire generation.
You will remain a role model for us,
Reminding us what one person can do
To challenge injustice in a peaceful way.

We do not know what roles our prayers and actions may have.
Like you, we trust in the Spirit to move us.

May we, too, take those small steps that can open the way to a better world. Amen.

