

## 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.

