

## Dorothy Stang Novena: Day 8 – Tuesday, February 11



*Blessed are those persecuted for holiness' sake; the reign of God is theirs. Matthew 5:10*

"I light a candle and look at Jesus on the cross and ask for the strength to carry the suffering of the people. Don't worry about my safety. The safety of the people is what's important." — Sr. Dorothy Stang

### **Prayer (Reflection on Psalm 130):**

Out of the depths, I call to you – out of the hunger of the poor, out of their thirst out of their dying, out of the fear of families forced from their homes and farms, out of the patience of those working for justice. May your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. Hear my cry! If you mark our sins, who can stand?

If you mark our greed and restless search for more than what we need? If you mark our silent complicity in the wars of our world? If you mark our racism and tribalism however crude or subtle?

But with you is forgiveness and in forgiveness is our healing, for to be forgiven is to learn to forgive.

We wait with longing for you. We wait for your healing words. More than sentinels for daybreak, we look for you. For with you is kindness and full redemption. You will redeem us from our darkness.

**Action:** Sr. Dorothy stepped out of her secure American mid-western world to accompany the farmers of the Amazon. What small step can you take outside of your comfort zone to accompany someone in need? Each day here at Notre Dame Health Care Center we have many opportunities to walk with someone in need – whether it be with residents, families, visitors, or fellow staff members. Sometimes this may even mean stepping outside our own comfort zone. Taking the example of Sr. Dorothy Stang to heart, we are called to try to respond more generously to these opportunities. Mission Moments is one concrete way this is happening all around us.