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- 1 Whilst his brother, John F Kennedy, was President of the United States, Robert Kennedy became Attorney-General, the government chief law officer. One of the great problems of the time was prejudice and discrimination against people who were not white. Robert Kennedy and his brother (the President) had worked together with Martin Luther King (a black leader) to get Civil Rights laws passed by the United States Congress and Senate.
  - 2 Both President John Kennedy and Martin Luther King were assassinated. On this day in 1968, Robert Kennedy was shot as he was campaigning to become President himself. He died the following day, aged 42. His murder depressed the hopes of many people.
  - 3 Two months before his own death, Robert Kennedy spoke the following words after the assassination of Martin Luther King:
    - 4 “*What we need... is not division.  
What we need... is not hatred.  
What we need...  
is not violence and lawlessness,  
but love and wisdom and compassion  
toward one another,  
and a feeling of justice  
toward those who still suffer...”*
  - 5 *Let us pray, using words based on that speech of Robert Kennedy:*

**Lord, we pray**  
that we may not be people  
of hatred or violence or lawlessness,  
but people of love and wisdom  
and compassion towards one another,  
having a sense of justice  
towards all who suffer.

**These things that we pray for**  
give us your grace to work for.  
**Amen.**

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