

A Prophetic Message

The Prophets “got in the face” of Israel to call them to faithfulness to God through charity and justice to their neighbors. Prophets are still needed today. Complete the worksheet below to express your own prophetic message about an injustice that you believe needs to be addressed.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet(ess) _____

<p>Introduce yourself and explain that this is not your word but the Word of God. <i>(Ex. “I, Joseph, son of John and Veronica; a catechist at St. Cajetan parish, received this message from God which I now deliver to you.”)</i></p>	
<p>Identify your audience. <i>(Ex. “Hear this, O people of Evergreen Park!”)</i></p>	
<p>Remind them of the good God has done for them. <i>(Ex. “God has given you a beautiful community to live in with nice homes and wonderful people.”)</i></p>	
<p>Point out what injustice is taking place. <i>(Ex. “But some of you deface and destroy one another’s property by vandalism or graffiti.”)</i></p>	
<p>Point out what people need to do to fix the situation. <i>(Ex. “Come back now to God and show your love for him by respecting one another and by respecting the property of others!”)</i></p>	
<p>Issue a warning and a call to a better future. <i>(Ex. “If you continue to disrespect one another’s property, we will face the ruin of our community. Instead, let us build a community that shines forth with God’s love!”)</i></p>	

Possible communities: neighborhood, school, parish, city, state, country, world

Possible issues: racism, bullying, unfair labor practices, lack of equal opportunity, poor education, unemployment, lack of health care, environmental issues, violence, gangs, etc.