

# Ten Plagues of Inequality

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On **Passover**, we remember the Ten Plagues that were put upon the Egyptian people. Thousands of years later, modern-day plagues of inequality should ignite contemporary responses to combat these injustices. Many of the most vulnerable members of our society are disproportionately affected; they cannot be “passed over” or ignored, especially during this important holiday.

As we think about the ancient plagues, let us also keep in mind those who still live under the weight of modern plagues.

1. A justice system that instills fear and divides communities does no justice at all: it must be independent and fair to foster an equal society. Just as the first plague of **blood** recalls violence and turmoil, we must take action to **reform our criminal justice system** so that it meets the highest ideals of society and overcomes the brokenness – the spilled blood – that began this cycle in the first place.
2. Today, essential pathways to opportunity are blocked by a basic lack of shelter and affordable housing. Just as the plague of **frogs** transformed the Egyptians’ homes into unlivable conditions, **the lack of affordable housing** can transform lives into the most basic struggle. Until more affordable housing units are created, too many people in need will not be able to have a home of their own.

when unforeseen circumstances arise. We must work to advocate for those who do not have access to health care to ensure that all Americans can receive the treatments that they need.

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