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speaking
**TRUTH to
POWER**

prayer

What if we raise
our voices?
Echo the truth
once spoken to
power...
the kingdom will
be proclaimed
the still small voice
of God will comfort
the exile
the roar of the
righteous
will drown out the
wicked
the hope of resurrection
will be sung out.

Marie Pattison, Katherine House
(www.katherinehousefcj.org)

Speaking truth to power: Martin's story

Martin Green is a lone parent who lives in Halifax. Unable to work, he has found again and again that the benefits system – which should act as an anchor for Martin and his children – has instead swept them further into poverty.

“The amount paid in benefits means you're facing impossible situations. In a good month I can get stuff for food but never anything extra. If I need a new pair of shoes for example, I need to take money off what I have for food...

“I just snack; I don't eat proper meals. The children have always come first and I just eat small bits here and there. I sometimes go all day without eating. If my lad is out with his mates, I will sometimes not eat... If I'm in the house on my own all day I'll tend not to eat until 6 or 7 o'clock if at all, and I know that if I can keep that food in the cupboard a bit longer, that's another day of survival.

“Because I am in the church circle, I have a lot of charitable friends who are helping me. I'm okay for being fed but I have no money to do anything with my sons, like go out to the cinema or football. That's what is the hardest thing for me.”

With Church Action on Poverty's support, Martin has been sharing his experiences locally and nationally. He featured in our 2014 documentary on the right to food, and told his story to decision-makers in Westminster. He spoke eloquently at the launch of the End Hunger UK campaign in 2016. And through his church in Halifax, he is involved in many initiatives that are loosening the grip of poverty locally.

Martin is speaking truth to power, and calling for action to transform the unjust structures that trapped him – and many others – in poverty.

Your prayers and gifts can help more people to speak out as Martin is doing.

Please make a donation today. If you can complete the Gift Aid declaration overleaf, you can make your gift worth 20% more.

If you're able to make a regular donation, you can enable more people to speak truth to power, and loosen the grip of poverty.

Find out how at www.church-poverty.org.uk/truthtopower



Martin has spoken truth to power in Westminster and in his home town

Church Action on Poverty

opened my eyes to

injustice and gave me

the courage to speak out