



Prayer of Confession:

Racial Justice Sunday

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God,

On this Racial Justice Sunday we confess
that the sin of racial hatred and prejudice
distorts your divine plan for our human lives:

You created us in divine likeness, diverse and beautiful:
In every person, every race is your image.

**But too often we fail to recognize your image in all:
Forgive us.**

You created us in divine freedom, to be free:
In every decision, every choice is your possibility of justice.

**But too often we fail to choose to advocate for your justice for all:
Forgive us.**

You created us for divine abundance, to tend and share:
In every garden, every social structure is your seed of community.

**But too often we fail to create that community which includes all,
and gives to all equal access to your abundant life:
Forgive us.**

Forgive us:

Open our eyes to distinguish good from evil

Open our hearts to desire good over evil

Strengthen our wills to choose good over evil,

So that we may create among us your beloved community.

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ forgives us and sets us free to live full human lives in community. We may go forth confident of the grace to see with new eyes beyond racial prejudice; to imagine with renewed fervor justice and mercy for all, and to create with a new will a community where all are given access to God's abundant life.

Thanks be to God!

based on Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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