

LITANY FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Adapted from the United Women in Faith Charter for Racial Justice
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Leader: We Believe that God is the Creator of all people, and all are God's children in one family;

People: Because we believe... we commit!

Leader: We believe that racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus Christ, denying redemption and reconciliation;

People: Because we believe... we commit!

Leader: We believe that racism robs humanity of wholeness, justifying exploitation in every form;

People: Because we believe... we commit!

Leader: For the times we've sinned against siblings of other races in thought, word, and deed;

People: Forgive us, merciful God.

Leader: For failing to act against injustice in our church, society, and hearts;

People: Forgive us, long-suffering God.

Leader: For complicity in systems of power that privilege some and oppress others;

People: Forgive us, compassionate God.

Leader: Grant us courage to confront racist words and deeds, even when it costs our comfort;

People: We beseech you, God of justice.

Leader: Strengthen us to demand equity for all, nurturing the divine image in every person;

People: We beseech you, God of love.

Leader: Guide us to build a world where diversity is celebrated, not feared;

People: We beseech you, God of power.

Leader: May our laws, policies, and relationships reflect your love and truth;

People: We beseech you, God of righteousness.

All: We commit to follow Christ in word and deed, striving for the dignity of all.

Therefore, because we believe... we commit!

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