

# A PRAYER OF CONFESSION, REPENTANCE AND RECONCILIATION

This prayer has been designed for groups to use, with a leader beginning each prayer and the group responding. However, you may like to use this as your own individual prayer.

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## CONFESSION

Leader Lord, today we come to You and acknowledge,

**Group Our world and society are deeply divided along racial lines.**

Leader Lord, we confess:

**Group We confess that we have not done enough as your church to model the beauty of racial unity in our gospel and missional endeavours**

Leader And Lord, we know,

**Group Many people all over the world are hurting today...**

Leader We pause to remember and pray for them in silence

*[Pause for a moment of silence before continuing]*

## REPENTANCE

Leader Lord, We are truly sorry for where our actions - and our inactions - have led to ongoing racism in our world, and we humbly repent.

**Group Forgive us Lord.**

Leader We pause to receive your forgiveness, and your Spirit afresh.

*[Pause for a moment of silence before continuing]*

Leader And Lord, we ask for your help,

**Group Help us to live differently in order to be an influence for racial harmony and reconciliation in our world.**

Leader We pray for the repair of the damage of institutional racism in government leaders, policies, legislation and funding.

**Group Lord, we cry out that institutions, structures and especially the Church would embrace diversity, inclusion and equity in all their practices.**

Leader God, would you raise up more people to become activists, allies, and anti-racists.

**Group Show us, Lord, how we can play our part.**

## RECONCILIATION

Leader Help us recognise that reconciliation is not only a one time miracle, but a commitment to a daily pursuit of seeking and knowing You and our neighbour.

**Group Our hearts break for, and with, those who have been harmed by racism. May we ALL experience healing from the trauma of racism, as we seek more of You, Lord.**

Leader And as we cry out to you today,

**Group Lord, help us discern new ways in which to pursue racial reconciliation and unity in our lives and across the globe.**

AMEN.

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