

# Confession of Sin for racial reconciliation and justice

*From the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music. May be used in place of the Confession of Sin at services of Morning or Evening Prayer, as part of Ante-Communion (the Liturgy of the Word), or Holy Eucharist.*

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

**Almighty God,**

**Source of all that is,**

**Giver of every good gift:**

**You create all people in your image**

**and call us to love one another as you love us.**

**We confess that we have failed to honor you  
in the great diversity of the human family.**

**We have desired to live in freedom,**

**while building walls between ourselves and others.**

**We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,**

**while making judgements of others based on the color of skin,  
or the shape of features,  
or the varieties of human experience.**

**We have tried to love our neighbors individually**

**while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.**

**Forgive us, Holy God.**

**Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.**

**Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.**

**Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,**

**united in our diversity,**

**even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,**

**Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.**