

Litany for Reconciliation

In our cities and communities where injustice is common:

Empower us to be Christ's continuing presence in the world.

Where there is apathy regarding the plight of the homeless, the refugee, the prisoner, the mentally or physically challenged:

Empower us to be Christ's continuing presence in the world.

Where men, women, and children are exploited, demeaned, and held in bondage:

Empower us to be Christ's continuing presence in the world.

Where greed exploits the work of human hands and lays waste to the earth:

Empower us to be Christ's continuing presence in the world.

Where envy tempts people and nations to possess what is not their own:

Empower us to be Christ's continuing presence in the world.

When we see pride, which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God:

Empower us to be Christ's continuing presence in the world.

Where hatred, fear, and prejudice divide races, classes, and nations:

Make us instruments of reconciliation.

In the pain of broken relationships:

Make us instruments of reconciliation.

Where envy of the good fortune and happiness of others causes disunity and indifference to the common good:

Make us instruments of reconciliation.

Where oppression hides behind social acceptance and political correctness:

Make us instruments of reconciliation.

Where communities are strained by conflict, polarization, and misunderstanding:

Make us instruments of reconciliation.

Where people can no longer discuss their differences without resorting to violence and ridicule:

Make us instruments of reconciliation.

