Prayer to Love: Healing Racism

"Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness." Genesis 1: 26

Our Father, thank You for giving us life created in Your image and likeness. We are family - each and all of us Your children – brothers and sisters in You.

Please forgive us for the times we have failed to respect or mistreated others because they did not look, think, talk or act like ourselves – thereby condemning ourselves to be less than the persons You created us to be.

Dissolve the feelings of fear that bind us and forgive us for the times we remained silent or failed to act when we witnessed injustice and hatred imposed on others.

Dear Lord, grant us conviction and conversion of heart that we may acknowledge our sinfulness, experience true regret, repentance and work not only for justice, but also for right relationship – love for one another that You expect us to share.

Give us the grace to eradicate racism from our own hearts, communities and country by welcoming, including, integrating and lifting up everyone as Your children especially our most vulnerable and those suffering in any way.

Make us missionary disciples who rebuild relationships, heal communities, reshape policies, institutions and laws to end poverty, unemployment, inadequate healthcare and educational opportunities which diminish others and their quality of life.

Holy Spirit, help us to transform this world to Your image and likeness as it will be in Your world to come – all of us are one. Amen.

"After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb..." Revelations 7: 9