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Prayers of the People- 7.12.20

God and Father of all life, you have made all people to be your image bearers and to display the full array of your humanity. May our identities be fully found in you and enriched by seeing your royal image in those around us.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our world is riven by injustice and racism. We seek your help and mercy for our nation, our city, and our neighborhoods, for our own relationships and lives. Kindle in us a divine discontent when the dignity of our brothers and sisters is violated, that we might seek your reconciliation and peace amidst the chaos, division, and fear of this fallen world.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We confess that large parts of your church have been complicit in upholding slavery, segregation, and white supremacy. We see these compromises displayed in our city's history and landscape. We know that these sins, both corporate and private, offend your justice and betray your gospel.

Search our hearts to expose in us any ungodly attitudes, actions, or words that demean other image-bearers because of ethnicity or class. Give us godly sorrow leading to repentance.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us humility to listen and courage to speak truth in love as we seek the restoration found in Jesus Christ alone. Remind us daily to fight against sin; strengthen us to be faithfully just in every season; ignite your Holy Spirit's presence among us for constant work toward unity.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bestow upon us the hope of your new creation, where all shall dwell in peace under your kingship. Sharpen our vision of your kingdom in its glory, where every tribe, tongue, and nation will sing your praise. Grant us rest in the finished work of Jesus our Redeemer.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**