

## Prayers from the September 16, 2024 DOTAC Reconciliation Bible Study

Group #3

God of Creation,

You created each of us in your image, guide us to see you in each face we meet. Help us to always get to the level of our neighbor to see, share, listen in silence in order to meet their needs, to quench their thirst. Give us courage and strength to be vigilant in staying with reconciliation and to be willing to have the vulnerability to ask for what we need.

Amen

Group #5

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God who loves justice and who invites us to gather in community, open our hearts and spiritual eyes to see you in each other and to serve the needs made known. May our actions exemplify the words of the Prophet Micah We humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

A Prayer for Reconciliation – Group #6

O God, we bless you for your creative and recreative power at work in the cosmos. With contrite hearts we confess that we are beset with sin and desire your forgiveness for the hurt we have caused each other and the damage and destruction of the environment. Look upon your people who by our conflicts and disputes have caused separation, injury, and death to fellow humankind, and have contributed to the groaning of creation. We confess our personal and communal brokenness and our limitations, and pray for your forgiveness, as we acknowledge our vulnerabilities. Assured that it is your will for us to live in unity and harmony, help us to accept your reconciling love freely and abundantly poured out upon us, and enter that ministry of reconciliation into which we have been called. We pray this in Jesus' name.

Prayer from our group, submitted by Michelle Owens

God who has created and is creating

Create in us new hearts

So that we might be renewed in Christ

And through reconciliation

Be part of your new Creation

Open our hearts and our eyes

To be willing to do the hard work of unlearning

Prepare us to be willing to see anew

To see the reality in front of us

Give us the courage

To be in relationship with living and non-living beings

Ways that are respectful

Ways that honour  
That we might recognize dignity in each other  
That we might recognize Christ in one another

Please equip us in an estranged world  
That we might no longer be strangers,  
Or wolves, but empowered lambs  
Strengthened by the Spirit

Guide us in holding on and letting go  
And remind us that this is work we do together as companions