

PRAYER OF COMMUNITY CONFESSION

LEADER: LORD, YOU HAVE CALLED US TO NOTICE AND BE PRESENT WITH PEOPLE IN THEIR PLACES. YOU CALL US TO NOTICE THE LIVES OF OUR NEIGHBORS, CO-WORKERS, FELLOW STUDENTS, THE STRANGER AND THOSE THAT WE ENCOUNTER DURING OUR DAY, AS WE SHOP AND EAT.

TOGETHER: LORD, FORGIVE US
FOR LIVING A LIFE THAT IS FULL OF HURRY,
FOR MISSING OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE IN FRONT OF US,
FOR NOT NOTICING THE STRANGER OR THE HOMELESS,
FOR NOT GIVING A HELPING HAND TO THE SINGLE MOM OR DAD RAISING KIDS,
FOR BEING SHORT AND DEMANDING TO THE TIRED, OVER WORKED LADY OR MAN AT THE
CHECK-OUT AT KROGER, PUBLIX AND OTHER PLACES WE SHOP AND EAT,
FOR NOT BEING KIND TO OUR CO-WORKER, WHO MAY BE STRUGGLING WITH LIFE ISSUES OR
POSSIBLY THEIR MARRIAGE,
FOR NOT NOTICING THE LONELY STUDENT SITTING NEXT ME IN CLASS.

PAUSE

LEADER: LORD, THANK YOU THAT YOU ARE WITH US IN THE HURRY OF OUR LIVES,
SLOW US DOWN TO BE PRESENT,
AND TO NOTICE WHERE AND WHAT YOU ARE DOING, IN OUR LIVES, AND OUR COMMUNITY.

LEADER: LORD, YOU BLESSED US WITH RESOURCES, GIFTS, AND TALENTS,
GIFTS TO BE GIVEN AWAY TO OTHERS,
FINANCES TO GENEROUSLY BLESS OTHERS,
OUR HOMES TO BE USED FOR HOSPITALITY AND SHARING MEALS.

TOGETHER: LORD, FORGIVE US,
FOR LIVING A LIFE OF SCARCITY,
FOR MISSING OPPORTUNITIES TO PRACTICE HOSPITALITY
FOR NOT FEEDING THE HUNGRY AND SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH OTHERS.

PAUSE

LEADER: THANK YOU, LORD, THAT YOU GAVE YOUR TIME, YOU SHARED YOUR LIFE AND YOU WERE AN
EXAMPLE OF GIVING ABUNDANTLY.

LEADER: LORD, YOU ARE A GOD OF PEACE, JUSTICE, AND RECONCILIATION.

TOGETHER: FORGIVE US,
FOR THE PREJUDICE AND JUDGEMENT THAT WE HAVE LET BUILD IN OUR HEARTS,
FOR THE EXPECTATIONS WE PLACE ON OTHERS,
FOR THE WALLS THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT OVER THE YEARS.

PAUSE

LEADER: LORD, TEACH US TO LOVE AS YOU LOVE,
TO FORGIVE AS YOU FORGIVE,
SO THAT WE MAY REFLECT YOUR KINGDOM VALUES AS PEOPLE OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION.

TOGETHER:
LORD, MAY THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF YOUR SPIRIT WORK WITHIN US TO HAVE A DEEP
LONGING FOR YOU AND YOUR KINGDOM. RESHAPE US IN YOUR WHOLENESS TO BE PEOPLE WHO
BATTLE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE, PRACTICE GENEROSITY AND HOSPITALITY, AND LOVE WITH A
FAITHFUL PRESENCE THAT ECHO'S YOUR LOVE AND COMPASSION.

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